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Leaders considering increasing fees for parking, town services

By Rebecca Piro

Town officials might stop nickel-and-diming residents — and start asking for quarters at the parking meters. In fact, increasing the cost to park is one of several fees that officials are thinking about raising — or inventing — in light of the Proposition 2 1/2 override the town might seek to pay for town government.

Raising fees or creating new ones won't solve this year's budget crunch, but it could ease some of the pressure, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"It's just scraping a little money here, a little money there. Every little bit helps," he says.

He's asked all town department heads to look at their service fees — including cemetery fees, building permit fees and facility rental fees — and to judge whether Andover is on par with rates for comparable services in other communities.

"I'm told that (building permit fees) are very low in comparison to other cities and towns in the region," says Stapczynski.

"Let's make sure our fees are covering our cost of delivering the service," says Selectman Brian Major. He supports the concept of raising fees for "luxury-type services" like programs from the Department of Community Services. But he won't support fees on items like trash collection.

"If it's a fee for a necessity item, that may be tough to pass by folks," he says.

The school department, which Tuesday decided to seek a maximum \$1.4 million override, also is



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Feeding time — Dawn Coutu puts change into a meter at Olde Andover Village. The town is looking at raising parking rates and fees for services because of the current budget crunch.

considering fees. The schools aren't charging students for classes, sports or other extracurricular activities at this time, says Bernie Tuttle, the schools' business manager. Suggestions to start charging haven't gone over well in the past, says School Committee member Tina Girdwood.

"This is not a popular thing and we know that," she says. Years back, the committee talked about charging students to participate in athletics. One year the schools charged busing fees to bring kids to school. Both times the public's reaction was negative.

"We have to give people a

choice... so people can respond to the suggestion. Parents might say, 'OK, I'll pay a busing fee if it means I can get another teacher.' It depends what the tradeoffs are," says Girdwood.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Teichert says he would support the

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Will Hall comes crashing down

What next for senior center?

Council on Aging Director Jeanne Madden drove to the Phillips Academy campus on Monday to watch a dream crumble. Williams Hall, the former dormitory that Madden and some other senior advocates hoped to turn into the next senior center, was torn down Monday.

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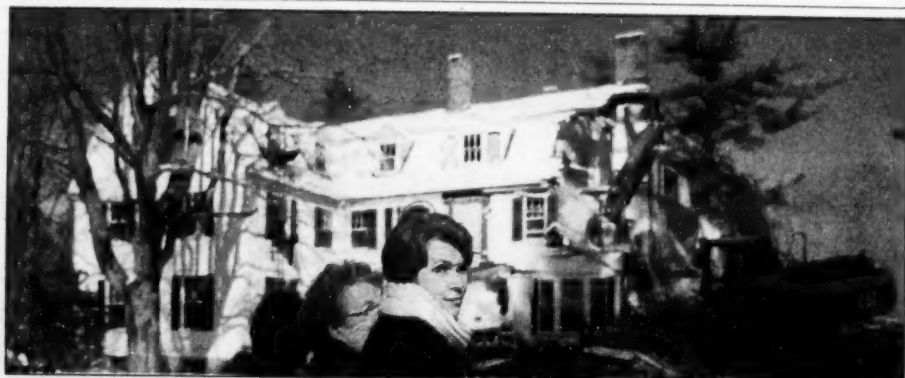


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Jeanne Madden, Council on Aging director, turns away as workers tear down Williams Hall — once considered as a potential senior center site.

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Web question

Would you pay more in fees to help alleviate the town's budget crunch?

Last week's *Townsmen* said, "Other."

Web-site question was:

Do elected and appointed officials sufficiently follow through on Town Meeting votes?

Out of 25 respondents:

► 5 people, or 20 percent, said, "Yes. Town officials are kept busy with so many projects, it is no wonder that one occasionally is forgotten or delayed."

► 18 people, or 72 percent, said, "No. The people of Andover are the ultimate authority when it comes to making decisions on projects. Voters expect to see results after making a decision at Town Meeting."

► 2 people, or 8 percent,

This week's question:
Would you pay higher fees for some town and school services to help ease the budget crunch?

• Yes. It is reasonable to pay a few extra dollars for valuable services like downtown parking, youth programs and facility rentals.

• No. Residents are already paying too much in taxes for those services.

• Other (use comments section after voting).

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The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Andover area to give blood on Tuesday, Jan. 22, when the blood-mobile comes to Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road. Donor hours are 2 to 7 p.m.

According to Cathy Pray, director, "Only five out of every 100 people give blood, and the number of new donors decreased dramatically last year. First-time donors are urgently needed to replace donors who have moved away of become ineligible to donate."

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross, it says. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication, but should know the names of these medications.

For more information, call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

Tax bills due Feb. 1

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2002. Third quarter payment is due Friday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessors' office. Applications for abatements must be received in the assessors' office no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1.

Delegates to be chosen

The Andover Democratic Town Committee will meet on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m., at the West Middle School cafeteria, Shawsheen Road, to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Worcester on May 31 and



Chemist Karen Ares prepares a water sample for testing at the Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant.

Andover's award-winning water
DPW honored as tops in New England for its size

The New England Water Works Association has presented the Andover Department of Public Works a first-place award for medium-sized water systems for their 2001 Water Quality Report. This was the department's third publication to be issued to each Andover household under the US Environmental Protection Agency's regulation requiring annual notification to all consumers about local drinking-water sources and water-quality.

Approximately 2,900 community water systems in New Eng-

land participated in the awards program. The award notes Andover for excellence in communication under the Safe Drinking Water Act Consumer Confidence Report Rule, which was judged on its value to the consumer, innovation, content and form.

At the same awards ceremony, the American Water Works Association presented John Pollano, Andover plant superintendent, with an Operator's Meritorious Service Award for consistent and outstanding service in providing a quality water supply to the public.

June 1. All Democrats registered to vote in Andover may attend, elect and/or be elected a delegate.

The meeting is public. For information, contact Norma Villarreal at 978-475-4485.

For the record

On the letters page last week, the name of Dennis Jarry, the late Christ Church rector, was misspelled in a tribute to him. The *Townsmen* regrets the error.

Quote, unquote . . .

THAT WILL MAKE GRANDFATHERING look like a walk through the tulips.

— *Bernie Tuttle, schools business manager, on what would happen if officials tried to turn music education into an after-school activity as a result of budget problems. Last week, a few dozen parents criticized the School Committee for not allowing grandfathering of middle-school students.*

I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING to say anything critical of them because they are people.

— *Gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich on his fellow Democratic candidates for governor. (Story, page 5)*

News Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 17

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, 3rd floor, 7:30 a.m.

Cultural Council, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Community Preservation Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 256 Main St., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

School Committee, School Offices, School Committee Room, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Town Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Patriotic Holiday/War Veterans, Andover High School cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

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Schools: \$1.4 million override is max

By Rebecca Piro

Members of the school department will spend the next three months convincing voters to grant them a \$1.4 million override of Proposition 2½ to make up their budget shortfall.

Even if voters grant it, the school department says students will suffer severe cuts.

"We need more money," says Superintendent Claudia Bach. She and other members of the school department agreed Tuesday night to support an estimated 2003 budget of \$47.7 million – still \$1.14 million more than the town manager's estimated budget allocates. The school department wants a \$1.4 million override to make up that difference and also cover health-insurance costs for teachers they will hire to staff the new schools.

"We have these expenses we have no control over," says School Committee member Dick Collins, referring to issues including the opening of the new schools in west Andover and special-education

costs.

If Town Meeting does not grant that \$1.4 million, the schools are prepared to cut money from the instrumental music lesson program; reduce the number of teachers for grades kindergarten through 12; not hire some new high-school teachers; and spend less on media specialists and special-education language-arts teachers than planned.

With or without the override money, the schools will cut \$50,000 from athletics programs. Administration and school department members discussed the possibility of charging students to participate in athletics to help reduce that cut – something that particularly bothers Collins.

"The cuts we're going to have to make are going to be real hurtful to our kids, and we'll just do the very best we can," he says.

The school department started out with an estimated budget, which included all departmental requests, of \$50.3 million. To stay within Proposition 2½, the school

budget would have to get down to \$46.7 million – something that is just too great a sacrifice, it says.

This year's actual school budget is \$42.6 million, though it's projected to cost \$43.7 million to run the system.

Selectmen decided this week to keep the town departments' budget within Prop. 2½. The town's side of the budget is not yet complete, and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is unsure of what cuts he will have to make to follow the selectmen's wishes.

"It's not easy. We can't do it without service and program cuts," he says. "We're trying to do it without layoffs."

Stapczynski will not grant new employee positions to any town-side departments.

Collins hopes that Town Meeting will support the school department's budget.

"I know a lot of people think that there's money being wasted, but there isn't. We just have to properly fund our schools," he says.

Warrant topics: Housing, school choice

Three private articles and a slew of public articles were headed for the annual Town Meeting warrant

as of Wednesday morning, *Townsmen* presstime.

The warrant closes tomorrow,

Friday, at 4:30 p.m.

Three articles filed by residents make up the incomplete list of private articles.

• Resident Susan Stott, president of Andover Community Trust, is asking voters to authorize selectmen to turn over a piece of town land on Heather Drive for affordable housing development. ACT planned to dedicate the town's first permanently affordable owner-occupied home tomorrow, Friday.

• Resident Mike Papa is asking voters to give limited school choice, not including bus transportation, to middle-school students in the following areas: Ballardvale, River Street/Laconia Drive, Elm Street, Haggetts Pond, Noel Drive and Iron Gate Drive. Papa was not available for comment Wednesday.

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Candidate Reich view labor as the key to future



Robert Reich speaks with Andover businessman Steve Stapinski at the Lanam Club.

By Ben Hellman

Saying the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is made of two states — the have-mores and the have-lesses — former US Labor Secretary Robert Reich sought support for his late-entry gubernatorial campaign at the Lanam Club in Andover last Thursday.

Reich must garner support quickly from local Democrats to get his name on the Democratic Party's primary ballot.

When asked what he wanted the people of Andover to know about him, Reich said, "I am focusing like a laser beam on the economy and on better jobs. I want to raise issues that are not being raised. The problem of what is happening to the gap between the have-mores and the have-lesses. And I want people to understand the direction we are going in is not good for anyone. There are solutions, but they require genuine

leadership (to) pull people together to work together across business (and) labor, public and private sectors. I think I can do that."

Reich said he entered the gubernatorial race so late because of the worsening economy and "my concern for what's happening to the people of the state."

At the Lanam Club he made his way to each table shaking hands and explaining to supporters in

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Private and town articles

TOWN MEETING

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• Resident Rob Martin is asking voters to turn Nicholas Circle into a public way and spend \$22,000 to bring the street up to town code.

The incomplete list of town articles includes: a \$1.4 million override of Proposition 2½; \$1 million for town and school building repairs; \$1.8 million for asbestos removal at West Elementary

School; \$350,000 contingency money for the new schools construction; \$830,000 contingency for the public safety center construction; adoption of the Community Preservation Act, which would increase property taxes by 1 percent; water-use restriction bylaw; \$975,000 for improvements at the water treatment plant; \$18,000 for holiday lights; traffic calming improvements for Ballardvale.



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Reich sees two states in Massachusetts, seeks support

■ REICH

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detail how they could become delegates and make sure he is on the ballot.

Regarding his chances to get the required 15 percent of delegates (about 750 people) by Feb. 2, he says, "Many people have chosen delegates who are uncommitted or whose commitment is not all that fixed." Reich's visit was sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and his message to the business community was that the Massachusetts work force is not as productive as it could be, affecting everyone. "We need to make full use of every worker we have," said Reich. "If they are not productive, we are all going to suffer." The title of his speech, "The two states of Massachusetts" referred to a growing gap between what he called the have-mores and the have-lesses of Massachusetts. "It is in all our interest to make the bottom half more productive," he said.

Reich envisions the state's community colleges working in tandem with the public and private

sectors to produce workers that are prepared to fill the jobs of the future. Reich called community colleges "the unsung heroes in the system of work force development."

When someone enters a community college they need to come to know that "a job is waiting for them," he said. He said he seeks to turn the current unemployment system into a reemployment system.

Reich used humor to win over his audience. As he spoke about globalization (which he said as a term "went directly from obscurity to meaninglessness without an intervening period"), Reich joked about his recent full hip replacement. He went to his hospital to find out where his hips were made and found that they were probably made in Germany and designed in France. "I have French designer hips," he quipped. Reich's point was that it is hard to find things that are purely made in America. But Reich's message was more dire: "If you do not have the right education you are going to be underbid by millions of people

around the world increasingly who can do exactly what you can do, at far less cost." Reich said that to get work in the future you would not need four years of college, but that you would need some education beyond high school.

Regarding his status in Massachusetts politics, he said, "Undoubtedly I am an outsider... that presents some obstacles." But he also spoke of the merits of coming from the outside, saying "Massachusetts voters are sick and tired of the 'politics of politics,' politics as usual."

Reich congratulated Congressman Martin Meehan, who introduced him, on his work on campaign finance reform. When asked if he supported the Clean Elections bill, which was written into law, but not funded by the Tom Finneran-led House, Reich said "I'm very much in favor of clean elections. I think it's the right way to go. The people of this Commonwealth wanted it and I, as governor, would push very, very hard. It would be one of my highest agenda items. This is all a matter of leadership."



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Opinion

Taxes: When enough is enough

The Main Street Committee will ask Town Meeting for up to \$750,000 more for special lighting fixtures, benches, cobblestones and other amenities to beautify the downtown. It shouldn't get it.

At least it shouldn't unless residents are willing to forego other projects and services.

The town has already approved \$300,000 for such work, and the state is funding \$2.5 million to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. The committee's chairman himself calls the \$750,000 extra a "pie-in-the-sky, wouldn't-it-be-great number."

It might be great, but it can't be a reality.

It's about priorities. Unless the committee comes up with other planned capital projects that are of less importance the Main Street job and can be canceled, extra money should not be approved.

The town is already seeking an override for its existing services. Every extra expense, every tax increase, whether pie-in-the-sky or well-grounded in basic human need, gives another shove to the true lower- or middle-class people who shaped this town. Residents have been telling town officials that with greater frequency in recent weeks.

When it's a matter of choosing between buying lights and benches that give Andover a small-town feel, and helping the long-time residents who created the current small-town feel, we ought to side with the people every time. There's a growing number of residents who feel that an extra expense here and there will mean the difference between them staying in their homes or needing to move. With the override vote coming, the schools are looking at how many teachers they can hire. These are the types of issues that must take priority. People will pay only so much.

LETTERS POLICY

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SNOW BUSINESS



Devon Mullen, 11, of Lovejoy Road, enjoys some backyard 'boarding after school on Monday.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Time for some taxing election issues



Neil Fater

As he declared a run for governor, Robert Reich took aim at Jane Swift. When Democratic candidates Steve Grossman and Thomas Birmingham came through town in 2000, they also reserved their swipes for the governor's office. None of the candidates seemed ready to talk about the people they need to beat first — their fellow Democrats.

Asked last week if there was an understanding among Democrats to help one of them win the office, Reich said "I'm certainly not going to say anything critical of them because they are people. They would make good governors."

Sounds like a yes for now.

But such political chivalry has become common here when it comes to elections. For the past few years, when Andover has had a contested race, candidates have fallen all over themselves to avoid offending anyone — including

their fellow candidates. No one is ever running *against* the incumbent, he or she is just running *for* the office. No one runs because of a particular issue — that might mean someone has an ax to grind. Candidates simply want government to listen more to the people. They want to build consensus.

This year, though, no one will be elected for being polite. Debate never should get personal, but Andover needs serious discussions about where the town should — or should not — be headed. People can disagree on such matters. And this year, candidates know there's only one issue that will bring many people to the polls: finding the balance between taxes and services. And everyone will need to talk about this.

Sue Jenkins, former School Committee member, is contemplating a run, and she already knows what to say when asked why. "I don't support the override at this current economic time and I also believe that the majority of the town does not support it," says Jenkins.

Jenkins was on the School Committee in the early 1990s when a \$1.5 million general override attempt failed, and she says she wants to make sure the town doesn't make the same mistakes

again that it made then. She would face incumbent Eric Nadworny if he decides to return papers.

In the selectmen's race, Mary Lyman has already decided to run.

Like the rest of the current selectmen, Lyman does not want an override to pay for town-side services. However, she did vote to add a 3-percent Community Preservation Act tax.

Lyman believes the town will be spending money on things such as open space acquisition anyway, and sees the CPA as a chance to get additional funds from the state that might actually reduce the town's direct tax burden, she says.

"To get matching state funds is something we desperately need for these initiatives," says Lyman. "If the voters said, 'We think it's a neat idea, but at 3 percent you're crazy,' we could change it," she said. Lyman also carefully notes that the CPA exempts the first \$100,000 of property. "For the real low-income person that gives a chance at not killing them," she says.

Let these important debates begin.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsmen. He can be reached at nfater@andovertownsmen.com.

LETTERS

DARE programs beneficial, but they don't limit drug use

Editor, Townsman:

Rebecca Piro's Jan. 10 article, "Is the DARE program worth the investment?" continues a tired and misdirected argument. The question is not whether the DARE program is worth the investment, but rather is it worth the investment compared to what other investment? If there is a change, how will Andover choose to spend the money it now invests in DARE? There likely are better ways to spend the money, but there also are much worse ways to spend it as well. Once the alternative choices are clear, then it becomes possible to evaluate the budgetary options and make a reasoned decision.

As for DARE, its effects are not simply a matter of opinion, supported by occasional anecdotes of student success or failure. Considerable science has been brought to bear on this issue and the evidence is mounting. Research shows that DARE programs do influence students' drug knowledge and social skills. However, these changes are less than results obtained from more interactive prevention programs (e.g., peer-to-peer teaching) on measures of drug knowledge, drug attitudes, social skills, and drug use. These findings suggest that DARE's core curriculum effects on drug use relative to other forms of drug education and prevention is slight and, except for tobacco use, is not statistically significant.

However, DARE does improve how young people think about and relate to the police. Consequently, the primary problem with DARE is its name, what it advertises and what we expect from it. Improving the way young people relate to authority figures seems worthy of a considerable investment, but spending money on drug-prevention programs that do not work is a poor investment. Maybe we

should rename DARE, shift our expectations for it and keep investing in the police for different reasons — they certainly deserve our support.

Perhaps more troubling than DARE's lack of comparative effectiveness is the recent finding that, in a landmark \$15-million study, researchers failed to show that the very best social science interventions could prevent the onset of smoking among young people. Given our current knowledge about tobacco and the enormous investment in school-based prevention programs that fail, we should not be surprised to learn that school-based drug-prevention programs also fail. Supporters of these prevention programs tend to use anecdotes describing how young people — who are not likely drug abusers in the first place — did not abuse them after being exposed to the program. The real test of a prevention program is its efficacy with moderate- and high-risk young people who are more likely to use drugs. Unfortunately, the evidence reveals that many of the current prevention programs fail to produce encouraging results.

The idea that some very limited number of hours in a school-based program can offset the influence of parents, television and cultural ambivalence about drug use is simply wishful thinking. We must face the fact that our community and our society are ambivalent about intoxicant use. Young people are taught in school that substance use is bad, but the movies, television, music and too often their parents show them that it is desirable. The result is a generation of young people who also are ambivalent about using alcohol and other drugs. Will Rogers described this circumstance best when he quipped that "Mississippi will drink wet and vote dry so

long as any citizen can stagger to the polls."

The only way to limit intoxicant abuse is to make life more worth living so that the mood-altering effects of intoxicants become unnecessary. Learning must be exhilarating. Families need to be loving and supportive. And a young person's connection to the universe should be so awe-inspiring that it can shift consciousness without the help of psychoactive drugs.

Howard J. Shaffer
Algonquin Avenue

(The writer is an associate professor and director of the Division on Addictions at Harvard Medical School.)

Naming schools

Editor, Townsman:

Dear Superintendent Bach:

I would like to place two names before the Andover School Committee for consideration when naming and dedicating the current school expansion project at Cross Street.

GERALD SILVERMAN: A life-long educator whose service to the town of Andover as a teacher, administrator, and public official demonstrates excellence in word and deed. His past and continuous service to our community will stand as an example to all children that service to others is the noblest of all callings.

RICHARD COLLINS: Also a life-long educator whose service to our community as a teacher, coach and public official stands as an example to all who would inhabit the walls of our new schools. All who enter this building will know that one person can and did make a difference in the lives of thousands of children in the town of Andover.

I have known these gentlemen personally for the past 12 years. I

Clergy honors late Rev. Dennis Jarry

Editor, Townsman:

We have lost a truly wonderful clergy colleague and friend in the death of Rev. Dennis Jarry. His ministry as rector of Christ Church and his emerging leadership in the Andover interfaith community were filled with hope and promise. Too soon he was taken from us. Soon after his arrival in November 2000, congregants and colleagues recognized in him the highest standards of pastoral leadership. In his presence we felt the encouragement of his vision, the guidance of his wisdom, and the power of his healing humor. Humbly, he ushered a holy light into every room, while reminding

us that we always hold heaven's treasures in earthen vessels.

Rev. Jarry had many gifts, though sadly one of them was not a long tenure among us. Yet in the 13 months he was with us, he planted all the best seeds of a promising ministry. His legacy of compassion, hope, truth telling, interfaith cooperation, prayer, and peace will endure and grow as a blessing for which we are deeply grateful even in our tears.

Our sympathy to the congregation of Christ Church.

Rev. Dr. Calvin F. Mutti
Senior Pastor,
South Church Andover
Chairman,
Andover Clergy Association

I would also ask that I might present a petition to the School Committee in the near future to demonstrate the support that this nomination has from so many of the citizens of our town.

Timothy M. McCarron
33 Marland St.

Dog's death hits home for many

Editor, Townsman:

Robandy Road lost an important part of its symphony of life last week with the passing of our noble friend Kuma. Kuma was a dog and part of the daily ritual of street-life in our close-knit neighborhood. Routines are an important reinforcement of the pulse of life. Kuma's walks with his master Fred Stott were more regular than the winter snows, the mail delivery, or the shouts of kids on bikes.

At least three times a day you could bank of seeing Kuma taking his loyal master Fred for a walk. The quiet darkness of every summer evening would be punctuated by Fred's almost melodic whistling that told of noble Kuma's coming.

We will miss Kuma, loyal to the end, through thick and thin the embodiment of unconditional love. Even well after his vision had failed, Kuma still made his regular walks up and down our street reminding us all how important it is to keep moving.

Kuma made a difference on Robandy Road bringing young and old together. You couldn't go by without a greeting. He helped contribute to our sense of community by reminding us to slow down and appreciate what we have. We will miss you Kuma.

Steven Golden
Carol Tanski
Dylan, Zara, and Evan Golden
13 Robandy Road
(The letter writers also signed this letter from "Bennie the dog.")

THE THURSDAY FILE

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end in life.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Never confuse motion with action.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

I just wish people would realize that anything is possible if you try, dreams are made if people try.

TERRY FOX

Don't be afraid to take one large step because you can't cross a chasm in two small leaps.

ANONYMOUS

You can't believe how hard it is for people to be simple, how they fear being simple. They worry that if they're simple, people will think they're simple-minded. In reality, of course, it's the reverse. Clear, tough-minded people are the most simple.

JACK WELCH

You can't be truly rude until you understand good manners.

RITA MAE BROWN

The morning is wiser than the evening.

YIDDISH PROVERB

The poet marries the language, and out of this marriage the poem is born.

W.H. AUDEN
(GRAPHITE PLUME)

They that are serious in ridiculous things will be ridiculous in serious affairs.

CATO THE ELDER

The JFK quotation:

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

FROM JOHN F. KENNEDY'S
INAUGURAL ADDRESS, 1961

Best quotation sent in:

Those who would give up freedom for security deserve, and will get, neither.

BEN FRANKLIN

Steve MacDowall started "The Thursday File" two years ago. He sent it to 10 people.

Today, the file is sent to more than 10,000 people. The Web site is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and suggests books to read and Web sites worth visiting, along with quotations worth noting. Above are some quotations from this week's Thursday File.

Town considers charges

■ FEES

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school department if it started charging athletes to participate in sports. But he'd want to see a mechanism created to help those few who couldn't afford the fees, to make sure they aren't left behind.

"I don't want them to be denied that," he says.

Officials should proceed with caution when they consider raising fees or establishing new ones, says Selectman John Hess. Making fees too high could turn some residents away from important services.

"If it were a class at the senior center (under consideration for a fee increase), there might be a benefit to having the class that we can't put a price on," he says. "The important thing might be getting seniors to socialize. You don't want to set fees that will drive people away."

Selectman Ray Hender recently suggested raising the monthly charges for parking passes in the Downtown Parking Sticker Program from \$25. He thinks that residents would tolerate other such fees.

"The services would still be utilized and the demand would

still be there for them," he says. However, the town must use discretion in what it charges for, he adds. "I suppose we could go as far as to tax the air you breathe. I don't suppose we'd get any yes votes for that one."

Whatever is decided, Hess doesn't see the fee increases eliminating the current budget crisis.

"We're not going to overcome a deficit with raised fees," he says.

"It's not that much money," agrees Hender.

"Is it the solution? We probably need about 10 (such) solutions," says Selectman Mary Lyman, who says she would support raising some fees for services. "We could do a little (increase) on the cemetery fees, and do a little (increase) on the summer (youth) programs, and we could cut back on personnel. If you put all those 10 things together, you've got a solution that doesn't hit one part of the population only."

But introducing new fees could require new employees to oversee them, says Girdwood — something that could be difficult to do as officials consider layoffs.

"You're adding more work for somebody," she says.

Youth services considers options

Fees for residents to use park?

By Rebecca Piro

Kids heading to the skate park this summer might need to bring more than their boards or inline skates to get in — they might need money.

Charging Andover kids a fee is just one option that Youth Services Director Bill Fahey will consider to raise money for park maintenance this year. People interested in the future of the park, including fundraising, planned to discuss the issues yesterday, Wednesday, after *Townsmen* presstime.

For each of the four years since the park opened in 1998, Fahey has depended on money from the Friends of Andover Youth to keep the park running.

"They've been giving us about \$5,000 per year in maintenance and (to fix) the ramps," says Fahey. "That's how we've been surviving, but we have to look at other ways to keep the park going."

Providing for itself is simply a "responsible" thing for the skate park to do, he says. But that initiative isn't just responsible — it's also inevitable, says Diane Hender, a member of the Friends of Andover Youth.

"Because we haven't been raising any money, we haven't any money that we can give away," she says.

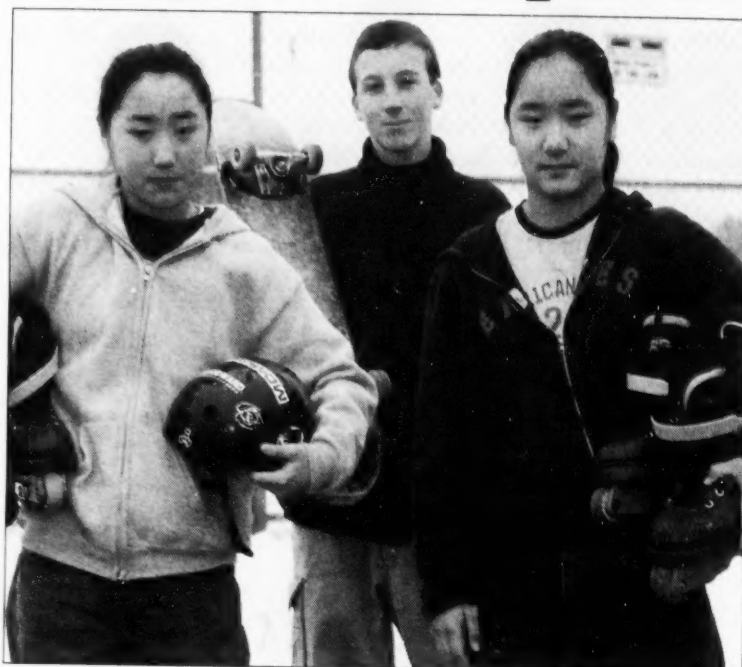


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Residents Amy Boxell, Matt Teperow and Sara Boxell currently use the Andover Skate Park without paying, as non-residents do. The town may change that next season.

The group, which helped raise money to build the park, has stayed "low profile" since the Andover Youth Foundation got its fundraising for a new youth center underway, Hender says. Many AYF members are also part of Friends of Andover Youth, and the two groups want to avoid conflicts of interest.

Friends of Andover Youth spent its last dollars on a new sound system for Youth Services last year, says Hender. The group will likely resume fundraising after the AYF campaign is over.

Until then, Youth Services will need to come up with the money on its own. It needs more than its

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Five who owe property tax may see liens Jan. 31

By Rebecca Piro

As officials debate how much of a tax increase is too much, the town has released a list of properties on which at least three years of taxes are owed and on which it may place liens, the first step towards foreclosure.

The town is looking to collect \$46,000 plus interest in back taxes from five land owners. If those owners don't pay by Jan. 31, the town will put a lien against their properties, says David Reilly, the town's tax collector.

Though a lien is the first step toward foreclosure, Reilly emphasizes that town government will not take a property if the owners make an effort to regularly pay a percentage of what they owe.

"Once you're three years behind in your taxes, the town puts a lien on your property," Reilly says. "If we receive no payments, the town begins taking steps to foreclose in the next year."

Currently, the town has more than 30 people in tax title.

"If we raise the taxes too high, will we see more of these properties? It's quite possible," says Selectman Brian Major, who is currently against an override.

If voters approve an override of Proposition 2 1/2 this year, all property owners — including those who already are unable to pay their taxes — could see their 2003 taxes jump hundreds of dollars.

Selectmen are trying to cut the town's operating budget to provide an alternative to an override, and lessen the tax burden. But those cuts could hurt some people just as much as it could help others, says Selectman John Hess.

"Some cuts might involve laying people off, and those people certainly can't afford to pay their taxes," he says.

Taking homes

Like Reilly, Major describes the town seizing the property of those who don't pay as a worst-case scenario.

Yet that is what happened to Mary Smythe, a resident of 28 years, whose Lincoln Street home was seized by the town in August 2000 in exchange for the \$70,000 in taxes she owed over 18 years. It also almost happened to former Summer Street resident Margaret Cronin. The town took her home for \$44,000 in back taxes last July, but Cronin bought it back at the last minute within a one-year grace period. She paid the town by selling her home to a developer, who will turn it into several smaller housing units.

Both Smythe and Cronin had liens against their home for at least four years before the town seized them, says Reilly. The town publishes annually the list of properties about to receive liens, he says.

This year's list, which names five property owners with a total of six properties in jeopardy, is actually smaller than average, he adds. Two years ago, about a dozen properties were listed and last year nine made the list.

But by taking Smythe's house — the first such

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For state, is Meals all done?

State budget cuts may force town to pick up Meals on Wheels cost

By Judy Wakefield

The state may stop paying for about 25 frail elderly residents in Andover to get daily Meals on Wheels lunches because of cuts to the state budget.

Andover will pick up the cost of these lunches, pledges the town's elder services director, but she says she's concerned about the effect such cuts may have on services the town offers.

"We are not going to say to people, 'you can't get fed,'" says Jeanne Madden, Andover's elder services director, but the issue is of great concern around the senior center.

The state's home-care program, which pays for those 25 Andover meals, is affected by a \$3.4 million budget cut in elder services under that new state budget. The home-care program, which has been cut \$2.5 million, pays for various services that help housebound elders such as Meals on Wheels. Exactly what will be affected by the cuts is still uncertain, though Meals on Wheels is among the projects facing the ax, according to elder-care advocates. Yesterday, Lillian Glickman,

secretary of the state's elder affairs office, was scheduled to be in Andover to get first-hand reaction to the new state budget. Local elder-care professionals were to meet with her at the Andover Senior Center.

Andover's Meals on Wheels program serves about 60 housebound seniors per

day. Andover also feeds another 50 residents at Andover's Senior Center each day, according to Madden.

About 25 of those 60 housebound residents are on a care plan that entitles them to Meals on Wheels services paid for by the state. Money is very tight on the local level, too, and Madden is worried about finding money locally to pay



Frank Melendez packs a complete meal for homebound seniors. State budget cuts could mean the town will pick up the full cost of delivering all such meals.

for meals that are currently covered by the state, while still running existing programs.

But Madden is most worried about Andover's frail housebound population because they would not be able to get to the senior center for a meal. There are only so many volunteers available to deliver meals.

Meals on Wheels drivers are often the only socialization these folks have. Drivers keep a close eye on any problems that surface among their clientele.

Andover's graying population is growing and Madden, a 25-year veteran of the senior services industry, said this latest series of budget woes is especially troubling. The need for home-care programs is growing rapidly in Andover but the budget is not keeping pace, she says.

Currently, there are 5,200 seniors in Andover aged 60 or over. The fastest-growing segment among them is the over-85 crowd, Madden said.

In addition, 9,500 Andover residents are now over 50 and many of them are expected to live long lives.

"We're ahead of the curve," Madden said of Andover's graying statistics. "You put this together with hospital and nursing home closings and what you wind up with is a very frail population at home without services."

Rosanne J. DiStefano, executive director of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, said about 2,800 seniors around the Valley will see their care plans cut by 10 percent with the new state budget.

"They will not be able to get Meals on Wheels and in some cases, they will not get a homemaker," DiStefano said.

In addition, she is concerned about referrals. Her agency gets referrals from hospitals, doctors and other contacts about elders who live at home but need services offered by her agency. For the first time in 12 years, she will have to start a waiting list for them because of the budget cuts. That list will start by the end of the month, she said.

DiStefano said elder-care professionals will be pushing for restoration of that \$3.4 million cut from the state budget.

Carol Malone, policy director for the state's Human Services and Elderly Affairs, explained that a senate subcommittee did indeed pass a supplemental budget that includes restoring that \$3.4 million. However, the House of Representatives never took it up. Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover is the co-chair of that joint committee that restored the funding.

DiStefano said the restoration "is the ray of hope" for local seniors who need those services.



Marie Bernard cuts cake that will be included in lunches delivered to the frail, homebound elders.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

OBITUARIES

Barbara A. Doran

Fleet Bank VP, local branch manager lived here for the past 24 years

Barbara Anne (Romboli) Doran, 57, of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 13 at home.

Mrs. Doran was Fleet Bank vice president and Andover branch manager. She began her career at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, then joined Middlesex National Bank in 1966. She became assistant vice president at BayBank in 1989 and vice president and Andover branch manager at BankBoston in 1992.

Born in Everett and formerly of Malden, she graduated from Malden High School and Massachusetts Bay Community College. She lived in Andover for the past 24 years and was very involved with community groups.

She was a member of the board of directors of the Andover Chap-

ter of Rotary International, Quota Club, the Chamber of Commerce and A Better Chance.

She was a YWCA Tribute to Women and Industry nominee and received a Paul Harris award from the Andover Rotary.

Mrs. Doran was also involved in the United Way and American Cancer Society campaigns.

Members of her family include her husband, Dennis Doran; two daughters, Denise Doran of Andover and Kathy and her husband Jason Rozzo of Dover, N.H.; parents, Agatha M. (Gianino) and Albert W. Romboli of Malden; a brother, Thomas Doran of Winter Springs, Fla.; one grandson; and one niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barbara A. Doran Memorial Scholarship Fund, care of the Rotary Club of Andover's Charitable Trust Fund, Box 1152, Andover, 01810; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 7 to

9 p.m. at Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Darlene J. Sohler

Taught for 30 years at West Elementary

Darlene Joyce (Clifton) Sohler, 72, of Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 1 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Sohler was a teacher at West Elementary School for 30 years. She retired in 1994.

She was a volunteer at the Andover Historical Society and was a member of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club.

Members of her family include her daughters, Susan M. Sohler Everingham of Pasadena, Calif., and Nancy Lynn Sohler of New

DEATHS

Frederick T. Connors, 71
Barbara A. Doran, 57
Bernice L. Graham, 88
Paul R. Kiessling, 49
Patrick J. Ouellette, 87
Darlene J. Sohler, 72

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CONNORS - Frederick T. Connors, 71, of Salem, N.H., died Monday, Jan. 14 at home. Mr. Connors was a shipper supervisor at Digital Equipment of Tewksbury and Andover for 10 years before he retired.

GRAHAM - Bernice L. (Ashworth) Graham, 88, of Methuen, died Thursday, Jan. 10 at Kenoza Manor Nursing Home in Haverhill. Mrs. Graham was a file clerk at Raytheon Co. in Andover for several years before she retired.

KIESSLING - Paul R. Kiessling, 49, of North Andover, died suddenly Saturday, Jan. 12 at Lawrence General Hospital. Mr. Kiessling, a professional ski-doo grass drag racer in the U.S. and Canada, was a maintenance welder at Genetics-Wyeth in Andover.

OUELLETTE - Patrick J. Ouellette, 87, of Salem, N.H., died Sunday, Jan. 13 at Holy Family Hospital. Mr. Ouellette was a group leader in mechanical assembly for Raytheon Co. in Lowell, Andover, and North Andover.

York, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

A private burial was held at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements were by Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

ALPHA Course at Free Christian

Free Christian Church's next Alpha Course, its ninth, begins Jan. 23 and is open to anyone in the community. Rev. Roger Lier, associate pastor at the church, said, "Every time Free Christian Church has offered the Alpha Course, we have seen people affected in a very positive way."

Free Christian Church will run the course during 10 Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 9, beginning Jan. 23. Each person participating in the course is assigned to a small group (12 or fewer people). Each small group starts off the evening eating together. Then they join with the members of the other small groups to watch a 45-minute video, in which Nicky Gumbel of London, England, presents a talk on a subject relating to the Christian faith.

Then, after the video, the people taking the course gather again in their small groups to discuss their reaction to the video.

The course at Free Christian Church is free and is open to anyone in the community. To register

West Parish has speaker in honor of King's birthday

Beverly Morgan-Welch, the executive director of the Museum of Afro-American History in Boston and on Nantucket Island, will join the Rev. Mark R. P. Welch Jr. and the Rev. Esther Rendon-Thompson this Sunday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m., in the West Parish Church pulpit to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, welcomes the community to attend this and any other Sunday morning.

for the course, or for more information, call the church at 978-475-0700.

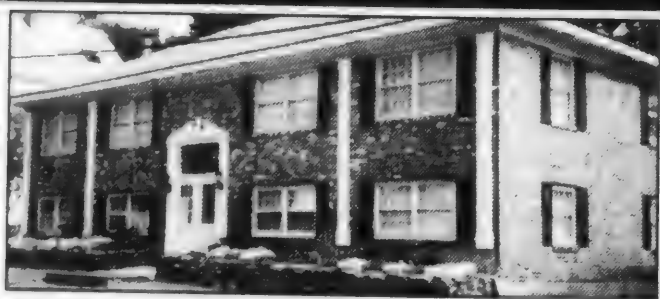
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The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

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DCS winter program ready to roll

The Department of Community Services winter class registration was scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium, at Doherty Middle School, and will continue at the DCS office today, Thursday, Jan. 17 until programs fill or classes start.

Program booklets, with detailed class descriptions, as well as class meeting times and locations, have been mailed to Andover residents, organizers said. The booklet can also be viewed on the Internet at www.town.andover.ma.us/dcs.

The booklet features a letter by Buzz

Stapczynski, town manager; new classes and programs; online courses that begin in February; and a number of DCS leisure opportunities and program information.

Andover Youth Services and Andover Senior Center also have information in the booklet. Anyone who did not receive a booklet by Tuesday, Jan. 15 may pick one up at the DCS office on Bartlet Street, Memorial Hall Library; or the Senior Center.

New courses for adults include drawing, cooking classes, craft workshops, financial-help courses, Hand-Painted

Floorcloth, Quilting, Living Dream Studio, Voice-Overs as a Profession, Meditation, Packing Your Travel Suitcase, Speech Craft, Boot Camp, and Health Walk. Popular children's classes include ballet and tap, archery, soccer, tennis, and a variety of enrichment classes held after school.

For additional course information, call the Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274.

Register by phone beginning today, Jan. 17 with a credit card, or send payment to DCS, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, Andover 01810.

Library promotes winter book sale

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library will hold a winter book sale Friday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 27, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Because of the library renovations, a book sale was not held in November. As a result, the Friends have "more books, better books, and an incredible number of children's books," organizers said. The Friends of Memorial Hall Library sponsor these sales to provide special programs and services that expand and enrich the library's regular budget. These programs include Sunday concerts and readings, guest speakers, children's programs, book-discussion groups, fishing programs, genealogy programs, and monthly Wednesday morning programs.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Sweet Honey In The Rock: On Friday, Jan. 25, the center will sponsor a trip to Regis College for a concert featuring the Grammy award-winning group, Sweet Honey In The Rock. This all-women's African-American a cappella group gives an inspiring and unforgettable performance, and they usually sell out wherever they perform. We have purchased a limited number of seats, so sign up early if you'd like to travel with us. Cost of the trip is \$32, which includes tickets and bus transportation. Bus will leave the center at 6 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Monday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. we'll show the video *Far From Home*. This is a heart-warming story of friendship, courage, and adventure set against the backdrop of the Canadian wilderness. Reservations are not necessary. Just stop in and join us.

Computer Registration: Registration for the winter session of computer classes will take place at the center today, Thursday, Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m. A list of winter courses will be available from the center.

Art History Course: The senior center, in collaboration with the Addison Gallery, will offer a three-session "History of American Art" course beginning Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Presenter will be Julie Bemson from the Addison, and cost of the class is \$15. Pre-registration is necessary.

Men's Breakfast: Our men's group will hold their monthly breakfast Friday, Jan. 25 at 8:30 a.m. Speaker will be Wayne Howard, who will show slides and talk about his interesting experience of living and working at McMurdo Station in Antarctica. Reservations are \$3 and may be made by calling the center at 978-623-8321.

Chronic Condition Program: Do you have a diagnosis of diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, osteoporosis, or another chronic condition? If so, this self-management course has

been designed just for you. This highly interactive class was developed by the School of Medicine at Stanford University and will be co-led by Deborah Malone, RN and Rachel Zalvan, LICSW. The program will begin Wednesday, Jan. 30 and run for six weeks, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enrollment is limited, and questions about the class may be directed to Rachel at 978-623-8321. Cost is \$35, which includes all instruction, a reference book, and a relaxation tape.

Supper Club: Everyone's invited to join us Wednesday, Jan. 30 when we'll dine at the Cedar Crest Restaurant at 5 p.m. for our monthly supper club. Cost is \$16 inclusive and menu selections are available at the center. Don't let the winter weather get you down, come out

and join us.

Uncovering Your Spirit: The senior center's spirituality group cordially invites you to join them for a six-week journey to discuss *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 31. Pre-registration would be greatly appreciated. There is no charge for the course, but each participant should purchase his or her own book and come prepared to discuss the first couple of chapters.

Loretta LaRoche Trip: The senior center will sponsor a trip to the Lowell Memorial Auditorium to see the "first lady of humor," Loretta LaRoche, on Thursday evening, Feb. 7. Cost of the trip will be \$32, which includes excellent center floor seats and bus transportation

from the center. If you want to enjoy a good laugh and a great night out, be sure and sign up quickly for this popular offering.

Friday Forum - Banking & Finance Fraud: Don't miss this important presentation on Friday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m. when David Floreen from the Mass. Bankers Association and Jack Christin from the attorney general's office will be our guest speakers. Learn how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud when it comes to banking and finance issues. Be aware of the different forms of financial pitfalls, ways to protect yourself, and how to report concerns. This will be a very informative program, and pre-registration would be greatly appreciated.

Valentine Concert: The

Andover Chamber Music Series will present a Valentine concert, "Truly Madly Deeply," featuring the music of Brahms, on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase through the senior center. Call Pat for information.

Boston Pops: We are trying to determine if we have enough interest to schedule a trip to the Boston Pops on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. for their concert "An American Salute." Estimated cost for tickets and transportation would be \$47. We need to have a minimum of 25 people express interest by Jan. 25 in order to secure seats. A \$10 non-refundable deposit will guarantee you a reservation. Call Bernadette for further information.

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Selectmen try to 'strike the balance'

HOMES AND TAXES

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action in several years – and acting on Cronin's former residence, the town has indicated to some that, if it wasn't before, it's serious now about reclaiming what it's owed. Such action can take on added significance for those fighting against budget increases.

Major says the possibility of the town taking homes will remain in his mind throughout the next three months leading up to Town Meeting, when residents will vote on a budget. At the last meeting of selectmen, School and Finance committee members, officials were tossing around a potential maximum override number of \$3 million – which would mean a \$570 increase on the average resident's tax bill.

Some folks say, what's the difference of \$100 or \$200 bucks per year? For quite a few folks, it probably makes quite a difference," says Major.

"Some people are on fixed incomes," he says. "Add to that what's happening with the economy and you have folks who are



The town will place liens on six properties, including this one on Lowell Street, if their owners do not begin to pay the town taxes they owe by Jan. 31.

out of a job, who have taken a pay cut or have the threat of losing their job. I just don't feel that people can afford it."

Hess says he hasn't yet figured out what override number is just

too high.

"I don't know what the answer is. We'll continue to try and strike the balance as much as we can," he says. "No matter what you do, somebody's going to get hurt."

\$5 per day to use park?

SKATING FEES

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\$170,000 budget to maintain the park for the 1,200 kids that use it.

Youth Services currently charges out-of-town kids \$5 to use the park for one day. Fahey hasn't ruled out charging Andover kids something similar.

"We would consider anything," he says.

Matt Teperow, 14, isn't so hot on that idea.

"It probably would turn other people off," he says. "I'd still go, but probably not as often."

Teperow works on Sundays at Market Basket and isn't sure if his wages would be enough to cover his daily trips to skate at the park. He has his own ideas as to ways to raise money. "We could write to some of the (skating) companies to see if they want to donate to the park," he says.

His mother, Tami Teperow, wouldn't mind paying a flat \$25 fee for a season pass.

"Once you go higher than that, you're almost into a dollar a day," she says. "It doesn't sound like much, but, like my son says, we pay a lot of money in taxes."

Mother Pam Newman thinks that Youth Services should start its own concession stand at the park, rather than let kids spend money on the private ice-cream truck that frequents the park. She appreciates having the park because it's a place where she knows her son can go,

be safe and have fun.

"It gives me something to do after school so I don't get into trouble," says her son, Jason, 15.

Amy Boxell, 14, says she and her twin sister would rack up quite a bill if they were charged \$5 each to visit the park. "For me and my sister it would be \$10, and it's open six days a week, so that would be \$60 bucks a week," she says. Her sister Sara says she'd be willing to pay a monthly fee of \$5.

"It's worth it," says Amy Boxell. "It's just something that we really like to do."

"(A fee) doesn't sound like much, but we pay a lot of money in taxes."

ANDOVER MOM
TAMI TEPEROW, WHO
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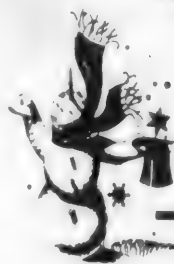
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More cash for Main attraction?

Committee seeks additional funding to 'fancy up' Main Street

By Rebecca Piro

More money to beautify Main Street?

Members of the Main Street Committee plan to ask voters for just that at April's Town Meeting.

After working for one year on the downtown redesign project, members last week said that the \$300,000 the town committed to the project four years ago for extras like benches and decorative lighting will pay for the design drawings – and not much else.

"We're paying someone to draw a pretty picture of what Andover can be, but in reality, there's not a penny there to pay for it," says member Abby O'Hara.

The state and federal government will pay \$2.5 million to improve the downtown's safety and engineering from Stevens Street to Wheeler Street by widening sidewalks, installing pedestrian walk/don't walk signs and streamlining the traffic lights to move traffic through more effi-

ciently, says designer David Giangrande.

MassHighway will replace the trash barrels, install new traffic lights and repaint the crosswalks as it makes the improvements. But if Andover residents want to upgrade those elements to acorn-topped traffic lights, the town will have to pay for the upgrades. That's what the \$300,000 was intended for – except that it won't nearly cover what the committee wants to do, says Chairman Cliff Markell.

The committee voted 6 to 2 to create a warrant article before the warrant closes tomorrow, Friday. It is considering asking for \$750,000 more, though that number may come down at Town Meeting. That means voters will consider the article – meant "to fancy-up" Main Street, says Markell – alongside a potential override of Proposition 2½ to cover the town and schools' operating budget.

Two out of eight voting committee members did not support the idea of a warrant article, saying they don't want to rush into a vote and risk losing the town's support – especially at a time when it's likely Town Meeting's attention will be focused elsewhere, like on the override.

But the majority of the committee says it's now or never to ask for the money. MassHighway wants to break ground for the project in the spring or summer of 2003, says Giangrande. If the town doesn't grant more money at this year's Town Meeting, 2003 Town Meeting will likely be too late. The project must be designed and sent out to bid well before the targeted groundbreaking date, he says.

"If we don't ask, it will never happen," says O'Hara. "We'll only get what the state provides – asphalt."

"I don't want to waste the opportunity," agrees Markell.



On Monday, workers tore down Williams Hall, the Phillips Academy dormitory that some seniors hoped to turn into the next senior center by raising \$4 million privately.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

What next for senior-center plan?

FUTURE

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"It hasn't been a good day," said Madden.

But Selectman Mary Lyman, a liaison to the new senior-center task force believes better days are ahead, as the new senior-center group is busy creating a new plan. Lyman says a senior-center report will be out before March 31. That report will review past efforts, possible sites, the financial needs and, most importantly, how to get the

job done, she says.

In 1997 senior-center supporters pinned their hopes on Will Hall, an old dormitory owned by Phillips Academy, as the site for a new, bigger center. Town officials signed a 30-year lease, with a 10-year option, with PA, on condition that a private group called the Friends of Andover Seniors would raise 100 percent of the money needed to renovate the building by the summer of 2001. By June, the Friends had only \$900,000 in their

coffers, and the estimated price – which had started at about \$4 million – had risen to \$5.2 million.

Senior-center supporters hired a professional fundraiser to conduct a feasibility study for the project in November of 2000. Three months later, seniors admitted they could not raise the funds by the deadline, and selectmen cut the lease in August. PA announced its intention to raze Will Hall last November, stating that the building was too expensive to maintain.

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ARRESTS

Thursday, Jan. 10 – At 1:29 p.m., Phillip Meltzer, 26, of 10 Martin St., Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations and a second warrant for breaking and entering. Jeffrey Dionne, 22, of 19 Heon Court, Nashua, N.H., was also arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 9:10 p.m., Jason Trombley, 23, of 874 Daratoga St., East Boston, was arrested and charged with driving after his license was revoked and failing to

give another vehicle the right of way.

Saturday, Jan. 12 – At 3:58 p.m., a 42-year-old Andover male was taken into protective custody for intoxication.

Sunday, Jan. 13 – At 10:43 a.m., Matthew Foresta, 18, of 17 Oak St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a family member.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – At 7:37 a.m., Guy Martin, 36, of 35 Plimpton Ave., Norwood, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny by a check worth more than \$250.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 9 – At 8:44 a.m., a Chandler Road resident reported that a sick-looking coyote was running in circles on a neighbor's front lawn.

At 4:34 p.m., a female reported that her female friend had written a note containing suicidal threats. An officer spoke to the female and her parents about the matter.

Thursday, Jan. 10 – At 8:39 a.m., a male was transported to the hospital for treatment after a mental-health agency reported that he was having

domestic problems with his wife at home.

Friday, Jan. 11 – At 11:06 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to an Elm Street female for possessing a Class D substance.

Saturday, Jan. 12 – At 12:29 p.m., a female reported domestic problems between herself and her husband.

At 12:48 p.m., a caller from Riverview Commons reported receiving phone threats.

At 2:10 p.m., a Gina Jo Way resident reported that she had found a box containing a school bag and she brought it into the station. An officer determined that the bag was filled with books.

At 5:20 p.m., a passerby on Haverhill Street picked up a lost child and brought the child to the station. An officer located the father who came to pick the child up.

Sunday, Jan. 13 – At 3:40 p.m., a Dascomb Road resident reported that he had received threatening phone calls.

At 7 p.m., a caller reported that a stop sign at the corner of Bailey Road and Fiske Street was bent over.

Monday, Jan. 14 – At 3:39 p.m., a caller from Andover High School reported a trespassing male to the police.

At 11:37 p.m., a Lowell Street resident reported seeing a male walking around the neighborhood. Early the next morning another resident reported finding footprints in the snow all around his house. Police arranged to make extra checks of the neighborhood.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – At 12:35 a.m., a male reported having domestic problems with his mother. A responding officer transported the son to a friend's house for the night.

At 2:31 a.m., a female on Essex Street reported having trouble driving home in the snow and requested an officer's help. An officer transported

the female home and she left her vehicle behind for the night.

At 6:17 a.m., an employee from Raytheon reported several protesters were standing outside holding signs. An officer determined that the people were not causing any problems.

At 11:05 a.m., a River Street resident reported that a neighbor's dog, which was off its leash, came after her dog, which was on a leash. An officer gave a verbal warning to the neighbor with the unleashed dog.

At 3:16 p.m., a High Plain Road resident reported that her son had been assaulted at West Middle School.

At 5:42 p.m., an officer issued a written fine to a driver with defective equipment and without a registration in possession, and a verbal warning for using a blue light without a permit.

BREAKS

Friday, Jan. 11 – At 7:42 a.m., a Blueberry Hill Road resident reported that someone had broken into his cellar the night before but nothing had been taken.

THEFTS

Thursday, Jan. 10 – At 12:40 p.m., an employee from Budget Rental Car reported that he had received a bad check.

Friday, Jan. 11 – At 4:40 p.m., a caller reported a stolen wallet from Andover High School.

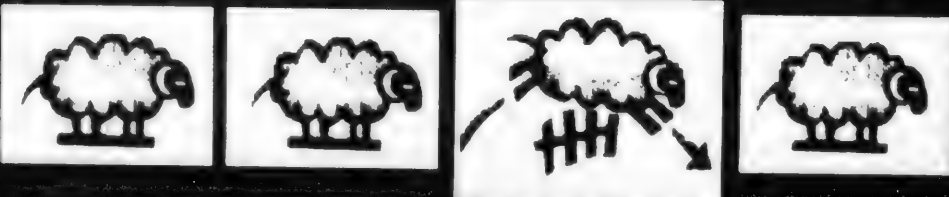
Saturday, Jan. 12 – At 5:05 p.m., a Jenkins Road resident reported a case of fraud.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 9 – At 1:14 p.m., a male reported that a face plate had been stolen from his car while it was parked at Andover High School.

At 6:29 p.m., a caller from School

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Street reported that his vehicle had been broken into and a \$12 flashlight had been stolen.

Thursday, Jan. 10 – At 3 p.m., a caller reported that a bus had broken down on North Main Street. The bus was towed away.

Friday, Jan. 11 – At 12:56 a.m., a caller reported that a vehicle had struck a deer on South Main Street.

At 8:21 a.m., a Longwood Drive resident reported that someone had broken into his vehicle and damaged it the previous night.

At 10:58 a.m., a Brookside Drive resident reported that both license plates had been stolen from her vehicle.

Saturday, Jan. 12 – At 8:59 a.m., a Chandler Road resident reported that an AT&T employee drove on his lawn while turning around and left tire marks.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 9 – At 7:09 a.m., a car slid off the road into a ditch on Lowell Street across from Raytheon. No one was injured and the vehicle was towed away.

Thursday, Jan. 10 – At 3:05 p.m., an officer responded to a three-car accident on Central Street. One per-

son suffered minor injuries and the officer requested an ambulance, but the patient refused treatment.

Friday, Jan. 11 – At 6:57 a.m., a caller reported an accident between a small school bus and a car on Greenwood Road. No one was injured on the bus or in the car and neither vehicle was towed.

At 8:01 p.m., a car accident left an electrical pole split in half at the corner of Woburn Street, Abbot Street and Porter Road. One car was towed from the scene and MassElectric repaired the pole. No one was injured.

Sunday, Jan. 13 – At 11:47 a.m., an officer assisted the state police with an accident on Route 125 at the North Andover line. One car was towed from the scene.

At 12:42 p.m., vehicles were towed from the scene of a minor accident on Lowell Street. No one was injured.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – At 3:07 p.m., a caller reported an accident on Union Street. An ambulance responded to the scene to treat a person for a minor injury.

VANDALISM

Two incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

—Compiled by Rebecca Piro

Selectmen: 1% increase for CPA

State could match Community Preservation Act funds for open space, more

By Rebecca Piro

Is a 1 percent tax increase – to be set aside for affordable housing, open space and historic preservation – too much to ask in an override year, or too little to be worth the effort?

Selectmen decided that 1 percent is the maximum they can ask for, when they voted to put the Community Preservation Act on the Town Meeting warrant with a 1-percent tax surcharge. If approved, voters will agree to raise their taxes 1 percent, or \$37 for the average resident. That possible tax increase is separate from a potential override of Proposition 2½ that voters will also face to cover the town and schools' operating budgets.

"Everyone knows this is going to be a tough year," said Selectman Brian Major Monday night.

"I think that 3 percent is going to be too high," agreed Selectmen

Chairman Ted Teichert. "Even 2 percent could be too high. I'm more leaning towards 1 (percent)."

Members of the CPA task force – minus their selectman liaison, John Hess – continued to push for a 3-percent tax increase. They wanted selectmen to set the warrant article at 3 percent and negotiate it lower at Town Meeting if residents saw fit.

"If you go for a lower number, you are preempting the voters' decision," said member Peggy Keck.

A 1-percent tax increase will raise about \$470,000 that officials hope the state will match. A 3-percent increase would cost the average resident \$112 in taxes and would raise about \$1.5 million, not including the state's matching funds.

The act will include an exemption for residential homeowners with property valued at \$100,000

and below. Those residents would see no tax increase on their bill.

"Suppose it gets passed at 1 percent? I'm not sure it's worth the effort," said Keck.

The money raised by the CPA must be split between affordable housing, open space purchases and historic preservation, according to the act, with each of the three receiving at least 10 percent of the funds. At 1 percent, the amount of money going towards open space would be less than the town annually allocates to the Conservation Commission, Keck argued.

Selectmen Mary Lyman and Ray Hender supported a 3-percent surcharge but were outvoted. Approving the maximum 3 percent now, before many other communities in the Commonwealth have adopted the CPA, gives Andover the best chance at getting 100 percent matching funds from the state, they said.

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The following homes were sold in Andover during September, according to public information provided by the Registry of Deeds in Lawrence:

David and Phyllis Cerullo bought **90B Washington Park Drive** for \$106,000 from Philip L. and Sandra A. Swanson.

Theodore and Lisa Moore bought **17 Rattlesnake Hill Road** for \$220,000 from William

McGregor Jr. The mortgages are with Fremont Investment and Loan.

Dean F. and Margo Gyorgy bought **10 Marwood Drive** for \$322,000 from Grace E. Geraghty. The mortgage is with Olde Towne Mortgage Co. Inc.

Daniel J. Fitzpatrick and Maureen A. Looney bought **74 Pleasant St.** for \$468,750 from the Marshall Realty Trust, Walter D.

and Rita M. Marshall, trustees. The mortgage is with Medford Savings Bank.

Michael and Sonia Ohanian bought **28 Martingale Lane** for \$650,000 from Linda G. and Paul T. Bloh Jr.

Timothy G. and Nancy A. Croston bought **1 Carisbrooke St.** for \$406,900 from Elizabeth A. McIntyre and the estate of Robert B. McIntyre. The mort-

gage is with Navy Federal Credit Union.

Yi Wang and Qun Wu bought **10 Sweetbriar Lane** for \$385,000 from William H. and Constance M. Kelly. The mortgages are with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank West.

Adrienne Pappadopoulos bought **4 Highland Ave.** for \$220,000 from Emil L. Klein. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

Elizabeth C. Mellon and Matthew Salamone bought **23 Princeton Ave.** for \$300,000 from Peter C. and Amy K. Pollini. The mortgages are with DeWolfe Mortgage Services Inc. and Chase Manhattan Bank USA.

Charles O. Chambers bought

40A Washington Park Drive for \$179,900 from Catherine T. Collier. The mortgage is with Beverly National Bank.

Shabbir Mahesri and Nishreen Pardawala bought **24 Olde Berry Road** for \$350,000 from James F. and Judith F. Cropper. The mortgages are with New England Capital Mortgage Corp.

Roman and Jolanta Przewozniak bought **30 Stirling St.** for \$656,000 from Stirling Woods LLC. The mortgage is with GMAC Mortgage Corp.

Kall Kozlovski and Olivia On bought **40 Colonial Drive** for \$135,000 from Mafalda Tacchino. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

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Education

Andover High: Another space crunch?

Principal says school is inching past capacity; suggests out-of-building internships could be one solution

By Ben Hellman

JUST A FEW YEARS AFTER WORKERS FINISHED a more than \$29 million expansion project at Andover High School, its principal is saying the school could be running out of space.

Peter Anderson, Andover High School principal, told the School Committee last Tuesday that Andover High could run into tight times after the next academic year.

Anderson spoke to the *Townsmen* this week to explain the space issues that may face the school in the coming years.

"The school can handle 1,700 students without difficulty," said the principal. "1,750 we could make work, but 1,800 would be trouble."

Though the high school has 1,625 students this year, current numbers from the town's middle schools point to growing numbers that Anderson believes could breach the 1,700 mark. Anderson told the School Committee that a general figure for the desired capacity is 85 percent. Andover High School now stands at 96 percent.

When asked if this amounted to poor planning, given the recent multi-million dollar renovations to the high school, Anderson said "No, the building committee was probably shooting for a 1,700 student capacity." He said that to forecast beyond a five-year window was, "very, very difficult, there are far too many factors" and that he believed the school was renovated with "the best numbers they had (at the time)."

"It is not the ideal circumstance, but if the town keeps growing there will be more kids enrolling at the schools," says Carol Baffi-Dugan, co-president of the Parent Advisory Council.

"On other fronts I am very happy (with what's going on at the high school)," she said. "I try not to dwell on the negative." Baffi-Dugan didn't envision another addition or building project, saying, "Peter Anderson is looking at creative solutions."

Discussing possibilities to ease the coming crunch, Anderson suggested that internships for seniors could help. Anderson said that this possible scenario was intended to give seniors a "richer, more challenging, more appropriate experience," at a time when, for many, senior year has



With 1,625 students this year, Principal Peter Anderson is looking at creative ways to deal with space constraints as more middle-school students are projected to enter the High School. For example, a free period in the room where Teresa Cosentino teaches an art class was considered for a study hall, but was reconsidered before the school year started. Below right, student Shannon Sciolla draws a self-portrait in class. ►

become more about "getting into college than finishing high school."

Whether high-school students should get some hands-on business experience is an issue receiving more attention of late.

When Robert Reich spoke to the local business community in Andover last week, he was asked if other high schools should, as technical and vocational schools do, spend more time preparing students for jobs.

Reich mentioned that he was involved in the mid-'90s with the passage of the School to Work Opportunities Act, which blended "vocational, technical work with a curriculum, so that young people actually see the type of work that they're doing."

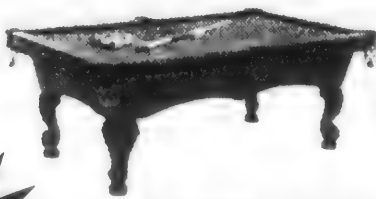


Principal Peter Anderson discusses space issues with the School Committee.



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Tuesday: Spaghetti & meatballs, slice of pizza, baked chicken nuggets. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk.
Wednesday: Rib b'que dippers, pizza rings, hot dog with fries. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk.
Thursday: Turkey dinner, french toast and sausage, baked chicken nuggets. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk.
Friday: Rodeo burger, mozzarella sticks, slice of pizza, Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk. Lucky tray day.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday: Rodeo burger with fries, baked chicken nuggets, pizza pasta, fruit, veggie and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, spaghetti ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.
Thursday: Mozzarella sticks, American chop suey, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.
Friday: French toast with sausage and potato puffs, rotini with meat-sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

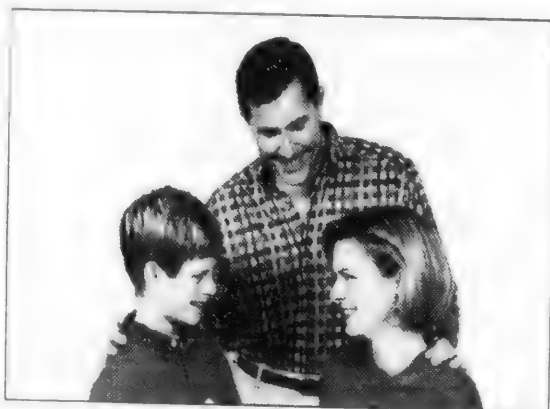
Monday: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday: Rodeo burger with fries, pizza pasta, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.
Wednesday: Monte cristo on bagel, spaghetti ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.
Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese, American chop suey, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.
Friday: Beef stew with roll, rotini with meatsauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Calzones with fries, fruit and milk, cold cut, chicken parm, ham and cheese, cheeseburger.
Pizza rings, fresh risen dough brushed with a garlic sauce, topped with whole mozzarella and topped with pepperoni, served with a cup of pizza sauce, fruit and milk.

Menus subject to change. You may prepay for elementary lunches. Send check for \$7.50 per week to Andover Food Services. Questions? Call Karen Pappa at 978-623-8623.

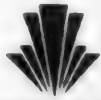
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Doherty students on first-term honor roll

Doherty Middle School announced that the following students have been named to the honor roll for the first term

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Jeffrey Bakkenen
Michael Baldwin
Connor Beatty
Mark Begley
Michael Besser
Amy Boxell
Sara Boxell
Sarah Buka
Alexandra Caffrey
Eric Champion
Jocelyn Chang
Rebecca Christoforo
Patricia Collins
Matthew Colombo
Kristin Costagliola
Michael D'Angelo
Seth Davidovits
Michael Devine
Christina Freccero
Leigh Frens
Michael Galaburda
Xavier Gath
Theodora Givens
Laura Goldsheim
Emma Haak
Jennifer Hagopian
Courtney Hamer
Kristina Henry
Kerry Hill
Marie Huntley
Julian Jacobson
Faez Jafarey
Anna Johnson
Jillian Kenney
Tiffany Kim
Simona Lang

Alyssa Lau
Maria Lechtarova
Meredith Levenson
Michael Li
Danielle Liffmann
Rachel Lindmark
Sarah Linnemann
Julia Littlefield
Kate Lundquist
Lauren Marsh
Alexander McCargar
Casey Mitrano
Lindsay Moramarco
Matthew Moura
Nikhil Navkal
Christine Nigh
Michael Norton
Benjamin Ossoff
Emily Pallotta
Anthony Palumbo
John Penny
Douglas Percy
Alexander Perry
Matthew Pescatore
Brittany Pierce
Lindsay Popper
Marie Provencher
Jessica Ragnio
Christine Richardson
Joanna Salini
Richard Sawyer
Anastasia Scott
Jeremy Selwyn
Thomas Tassinari
Jared Taylor
Kate Therkelsen
Jaclyn Todisco
Joseph Tonelli
Susanna Valleau
Julian Vastl
Julie Wadland
Jennifer Wang
Gregory Wilbur
Elizabeth Zigmont

HONORS

Kristen Alpert
Ashley Baldwin

Leslie Barber
Ryan Beechinor
Jason Berman
Matthew Biles
Emily Birecki
Michelle Blanter
Emily Brenner
Steven Brickman
Gregory Carroll
Debbie Cheng
Evan Cooke
Zachary Cotton
Alana Cuneo
Adam Cuomo
Jayme Day
Eric Donahue
Elizabeth Errico
Gregory Finger
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Tyler Fitzpatrick
Christopher Forsythe
Mary Fowler
Hannah French
Mason Fried
Kira Gendlerman
Austin Gilbert
Michelle Gilbert
Amy Hanes
Jeremy Hogan
Carlene Holloway
Molly Hudkins
Mary Jurek
Devin Kelly
Risa Kent
Phillip Kim
Douglas LaRose
Michael Lamagna
Eric Latsey
Duncan Lennon
Melanie Lin
Jennifer Lubber
Gretchen Magner
Amy Marlow
Cortney Martel
Michael McKenzie
Caitlin Milley
Samuel Morin
Jocelyn Nagy

Alex Old
Christopher Palmieri
Noelle Petrillo
Jessica Principe
Seth Putnam
Laura Radlinski
Mark Rauseo
Sean Riley
Caitlin Rivet
Elizabeth Roda
Ashley Samuels
Michael Sannella
Daniel Samo
Christopher Seero
Jai Sim
Lorna Song
Alisa Torrisi
Amanda VanSchalkwijk
Tiffany Wang
Jason Westgate
Jessica Yu
Tarek Zatet

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS

Rebecca Agostino
Kristen Aleksa
Enk Anson
Heather Arvidson
Daniel Bagnall
Shulamit Bel
Christopher Bell
Maxwell Besen
Emily Bondaruk
Jacquelyn Booth
Andrea Bosnar
Morgan Broccoli
Hilda Buss
Christina Cahill
Kimberly Carey
Amanda Carrington
Jesse Carroll
Brennan Casey
Connie Cheng
Ashley Cohen
Eric Cox
Christopher Coyle

Adrian Culver
Colleen Cummings
Caroline Cusick
Jason Dashpeyma
Meredith Davidson
Sean Dempsey
Casey Deschene
Laurel Dezieck
Margaret Doherty
Bonnie Domigan
Fiona Dooley
Allison Dosey
Meryl Draper
Stephanie Eng
Chrystyna Erickson
Kelsey Eriksen
Beatrice Floyd
Kristina Fuerst
Nathaniel Gentile
Daniel Godfrey
Samuel Gould
Briana Gross
Jonah Guerin
John Hamilton
Nathan Hass
Douglas Hawkins
Katherine Hoople
Cavin Hopkins
Andrew Hoyt
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Gregory James
Taylor James
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Elizabeth McDonough
Jennifer Meltz
Grace Miceli
Kimberly Miller
Samantha Monson
Gregory Moore
Katherine Morris
Joseph Mullin
Caroline O'Malley
David Papas
Justin Papez
Mana Parfenova
Luke Percival
William Rauseo
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Karen Schoenberger
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Jiyuan Zhu

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Ryan Burke
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Matthew Cannon
Joseph Cartolano
Justin Colombo
Margaret Cosgrove
Meghan Currier
Nina Di Francia
Emily Driggs
Thomas Douchette
Julian Dunn
Lidia Fureza
Trent Gallant
Joshua Garone
Norbert Givens
Amelia Hacker
Molly Hanlon
Amy Hannula
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Jonathan Howe
Joni Israel
Ryan Jennings
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Patricia Keckane
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Rebecca Robichaud
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Laurie Vassil
Laura Vassil
David Waxling

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Emily Baker
Sara Baker
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Robert Bickley
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Matthew Fisch
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Deyn Geary
Virginia Gibson
Andrew Gilboard
Jesse Goldman
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Hannah Grubbs
Hannah Hastings
Haley Hauer
Alexander Hemm
Peter Hottel
Hannah Hoerner
Benjamin Hughes
Margaret Hughes
Joshua Jacobs
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Robert King
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Shirley Kowitz
Christopher Long
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Joshua Mack
Kevin Mandel
Shawna McKenzie
Kavon Pettoruto
Martin Pigeard
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Michael Primes
Jennifer Quinlan
Jennifer Ravikumar
Fiona Rice
Kaitlyn Riley
Benjamin Rosenzweig
Stacey Saba
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Elizabeth Sherman
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Teacher innovation makes the grade

Group awards Andover teachers grants for creative classroom projects

By Judy Wakefield

Shakespeare, meet Pythagoras.

It's a date happening at Sanborn School thanks to a grant from the Andover Fund for Education. Teachers Amy Brady (grade 5) and Janet Rigazio (grade 3) are among several Andover teachers who have been awarded AFE grants. [See box below, at left.]

The grants, totaling about \$3,200, were awarded last month. These grants are awarded

to teachers for innovative projects that enrich the core curriculum. Grants are awarded twice a year by the non-profit AFE, which has been funding innovative projects that go beyond the scope of the school budget for more than 10 years.

Brady and Rigazio will be expanding the Everyday Math program with books that focus on math concepts and math skills. The titles have such names as Fraction Action and 2 X 2 = Boo.

"We will create activities for each book that links concepts to other curriculum areas and real life," the teachers wrote in their application. "The collection will be housed in the Sanborn media center so all students and teachers will benefit from this project."

In addition, several teachers at three schools — Bancroft, Shawsheen and West

Elementary — will offer a new writing process called image-making. Shawsheen teachers described it like this: "...children first craft collage pictures from simple art techniques and weave a story to complete a book... it allows reluctant writers the chance to do more pre-writing activities through art and develops language more fully by having more visuals."

At Bancroft, fourth-graders will also do image-making along with third-graders at West Elementary.

Meanwhile, Doherty Middle School eighth-graders will be working closely on an intergenerational project that teams them up with the Andover Senior Center. Fifty-one students and some 50 seniors will work together to organize workshops with a winter theme like nature photography, outdoor nature cooking and animal tracking.

At West Middle School, both sixth-grade teams and the media specialist will be able to participate in the state's Children's Book Award Program. Students get to vote for their favorite book after reading five

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THE ANDOVER FUND FOR EDUCATION (AFE) recently awarded seven grants totaling about \$3,200 to several teachers and other curriculum specialists in Andover.

Here are their names and corresponding schools:

SANBORN SCHOOL: Amy Brady, Janet Rigazio

BANCROFT SCHOOL: Janice Lewis, Claire

Touseau, Justine Quimby, Colleen Dolan

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TOWN TALK

Give this guy credit

An Andover man is currently awaiting licensing for a new product that will make it easier to find a certain credit card in your wallet.

William F. Ferris has been working on his Card Coding invention for a year now.

Inventational Technologies Inc. of Coral Gables, Fla. has released a press release about the product but the details are not specific. Ferris said his lips were sealed on those specifics.

"I can't disclose the particulars as I am awaiting licensing," he explained.

He did say his new product will provide people with a convenient option that makes it easier to locate a credit card in a wallet, saving time when you are waiting in line.

"It gets you what you want quickly," he said.

— Judy Wakefield

Healthy leader

Dr. Howard K. Koh, commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and an Andover resident, recently received a top award from the American Cancer Society.

Koh received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Cancer Society. In Andover and the state, Koh has called for the elimination of smoking in public places.

The award was presented at a ceremony at Boston's Shubert Theatre following a reception at the Wang Center on Jan. 8.

Goal is no joke

New gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich used humor frequently in his Andover speech last week, cutting on everything from his 4'11" height to his artificial hips.

But the former Clinton administration labor secretary went out of his way to make clear that he's serious about his run for governor.

"You know you are no longer in the Cabinet when you get in the back seat of your car and there's no longer anyone in the front seat," he cracked, before quickly noting, "and that's not why I want to be governor."

— Neil Fater

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Cancer survivors invited to YMCA's one-night writing workshop

The Andover/North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA will host a writing workshop next week for cancer survivors. The workshop, called "Writing: Your Own Voice/Your Own Words," will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

During the evening, the group will explore imagery, work-association techniques, and listening to one's own voice, organizers said.

The workshop will be lead by Elaine R. Cohen, MEd, who holds a master's degree in creative arts, and Fran Booth, LICSW, BCD, a clinical social worker and workshop leader with 25 years experience.

No writing experience is necessary. Participants must bring a notebook and pen. Pre-register at the YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.

There is no fee for the workshop. For more information, contact Elaine R. Cohen at 978-725-6681.

Temple community-wide musical auditions

Temple Emanuel of Andover is producing its second community-wide musical and invites the public to try out. Auditions for teens, college students and adults will be held Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Temple, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

Auditioners should bring a song less than two minutes in length along with sheet music or a background tape. They may also be asked to read, dance, or both.

Dates of the musical are Thursday, May 2; Saturday, May 4; and Sunday, May 5.

For more information, call Temple Emanuel at 978-470-1356.



Dave Dargie (at left) and Bert Batcheller team up to carry on a tradition in town that has lasted three decades. If there's enough snow, the annual AVIS/AMC winter hike can also turn into a cross-country ski event (right photo).

AVIS, AMC continue 30-year tradition with breakfast before hike

Event is Sunday, Jan. 27 at Rafton Reservation

By Judy Wakefield

Snow finally fell this week. And, if you are tired of couch-potatoing-it, there's a chance to get out and enjoy the white stuff.

Andover's local conservation groups, Andover Village Improvement Society, and the local chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, have been teaming up for the past 30 years to host an annual AVIS/AMC winter hike or cross-country ski.

The event happens on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. at the

Harold Rafton Reservation.

This 30-year tradition was started by Phil Dargie. His son, Dave Dargie, and Bert Batcheller, have carried on the tradition.

Originally, organizers served a hearty breakfast, with lots of hash browns and sausages. These days, food is definitely lighter.

Organizers said hot drinks, doughnuts and muffins will be available for people before they hike or ski in the AVIS reservation.

disposal area on top of Bald Hill. For more information, call Dargie at 978-475-1149; or Marta Hornidge at 978-475-3595.

Those interested in outdoor activities can also mark their calendars for Sunday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. for the next AVIS hike or ski. This annual tradition is much newer (held for the past seven years) and typically attracts families. It's a moonlight event and Hornidge called it "magical to see the silhouettes of all the pine trees."

Bring a flashlight to this one, although Hornidge said the stars often light up the trail.

Adventurers will meet at the Goldsmith Woodlands, off Route 28 at Gould Road. Park in front of No. 491 at the entrance to AVIS Goldsmith Woodlands.

"Flashlights are useful for the first five minutes of the journey before our eyes adjust to the night's light," Hornidge said.



Moonlight ski - Snacks by the fire.

All ages and levels of experience are welcome to hike or ski about two miles through the woods.

Those interested should meet at the parking lot off High Plain Road at the leaf

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

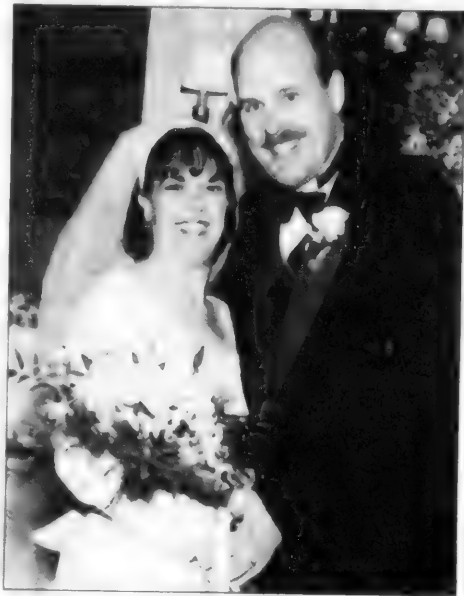
McConnell-Grecoe

Francine Grecoe and Geoffrey Peter McConnell were married Nov. 3 at St. Augustine Church in Andover, with Father Alfred J. Ellis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grecoe of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School, earned a BS at Fitchburg State College, and an MBA at Rivier College. She is currently employed as an office manager at Software Leverage in Waltham.

The groom is the son of John McConnell of Liverpool, U.K., and the late Georgina McConnell. He is a graduate of Liverpool College, received a BSc from Liverpool Polytechnic, a BA at Liverpool John Moores University and an MBA from Aston University. He is currently employed at Horizon Technology in Atkinson, N.H. as a product manager.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple live in Bradford.



Francine and Geoffrey McConnell

McGrath-Young

Kelly Marie Young and Daniel Paul McGrath were married at a double-ring ceremony Oct. 7 at St. Florence Church, Wakefield by the Rev. H. Joseph Murphy.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Young Jr. of Andover.

The bride graduated from Andover High School and Boston College and is employed as an operating room nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Michelina McGrath of Malden and the late John McGrath.

The groom graduated from Malden Catholic High School and is employed at State Street Research in Boston.

Following a reception at the World Trade Center in Boston, the couple left for Bermuda on their honeymoon.

The couple live in Lynnfield.



Daniel and Kelly McGrath

Chandler-Climo

Elana Dawn Climo and Malcolm Willis Chandler were married June 2, at Tupper Hall in Beverly. Following the wedding reception, the couple honeymooned in Italy and Czechoslovakia.

The bride is the daughter of Diane and Lawrence Climo of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School and Brandeis University. She received a master's degree from Simmons College. She is currently directing a violence-prevention program in the city of Philadelphia.

The groom is the son of Jean Chandler and Bill Holsthusen of Cambridge, and Malcolm and Sandra Koch of Memphis. He is a graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and Brandeis University, where he received a bachelor's degree. He is currently attending the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

The couple live in Philadelphia.



Elana and Malcolm Chandler ►

McGrath-Moody

Amy Elizabeth Moody and Michael Frances McGrath were married Sept. 22 by Father Bernard Kelly at St. Joseph's Church in Woods Hole.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Murphy, all of Andover.

The bride graduated from Colby College in 1992 and earned a law degree from Boston College in 1997. She is employed as an attorney at Gailston and Storrs in Boston.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Francis J. McGrath of Falmouth and the late Francis J. McGrath. He graduated from Merrimack College in 1989 and is a commercial real estate broker at Pearson Associates in South Boston.

The couple traveled to Vermont after the wedding and are planning a trip to the South of France in the fall.



Amy and Michael McGrath ►

Recesso-Ferreira

Tami J. Ferreira and John C. Recesso were married Sept. 7 at St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence by the Rev. Peter Gori.

The bride is the daughter of Jean L. Ferreira of Haverhill, and the late Robert Ferreira Sr., and was given in marriage by her brothers, Robert F. Ferreira Jr. and Michael A. Ferreira. Maid of honor was Kerri S. Tischler and bridesmaids were Gloria Sopel, Josette Onessimo, Hillary Recesso, Jennifer Recesso, and Tiffany Ferreira. Kalei M. Tischler was the flower girl.

The bride graduated from Lawrence High School and earned a master's degree in physical therapy from Notre Dame College. She is employed by Bernier Physical Therapy in Newburyport.

The groom is the son of Patricia and John Recesso of Andover. Best man was Stephen Zaines and ushers were Tod Deery, Bradley Grande, Paul Anderson, Robert F. Ferreira Jr.; and Michael Ferreira and Nicholas A. Ferreira were junior ushers. Cole Goodman was the ring bearer.

The groom graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, and from the University of New Hampshire. He is a business development manager for AXIS Communications in Chelmsford.

Following their reception at the Georgetown Country Club, the couple left for Fiji on their honeymoon. They live in Salem, N.H.



John and Tami Recesso

Basso-Duffy

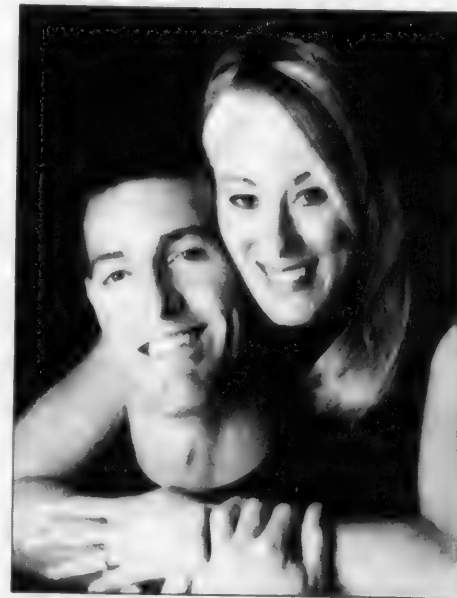
James Phillip Basso and Paula Helene Basso of Pewaukee, Wis., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Ann Basso, of Virginia Beach, Va. to John Page Duffy Jr., also of Virginia Beach.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Page Duffy of Andover.

Ms. Basso is a graduate of Brookfield East High School and the University of Wisconsin. She is currently employed as a sales representative at Sanofi-Synthelabo Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Duffy is a graduate of Andover High and the University of Rhode Island. He is a real estate leasing and development director for Davenport Group Real Estate Inc. and Lefcoe Development Co.

The couple plan a May wedding.



John Duffy Jr. and Carrie Ann Basso

What would you have done?

So tell me: What would you have done?

You're the teacher of this Introduction to Literature class. This class that meets one night a week at an area hospital so that the students, who are studying to be nurses, can take college courses where they work.

Some of your 20 students come to this class in their scrubs. You know, the brightly colored, two-piece cotton outfits that medical personnel wear. Most of them bring dinner with them. A turkey sandwich from the caf. A can of Diet Coke. A granola bar. One night, one student brought in a bag of taco chips and dip. Everyone was grateful.

You like teaching this class – even though it is out of your way and not in a traditional classroom. Perhaps that's why you like it, though. That – and the fact that this group of students is different from those you usually teach. These future nurses – they have this sense of purpose. A sense of life and death. A sense of what matters the most.

Sure, they know about being serious. You see it on their faces all the time. But they know about laughing, too. So you have never minded going out at night to teach this class that meets in a hospital. Although your students usually arrive each week with dark circles under their eyes, they don't seem to mind too much, either.

But there is one student whom you don't know as well as the others. She came to class the first two weeks. You remember her soft, quiet manner. Her wide, blue eyes. Her smile. But after that, there was this long stretch before you

saw her again. In fact, you were sure she had dropped the class.

You know, these students manage an awful lot: full-time jobs, families, school. During breaks, you hear them talking about how they were up all night with a sick child. About how they worked sixteen hours in the ER. About how they do their homework in between shifts. You wonder how they do it – juggling so much in their lives.

But back to that one student. Halfway through the semester, she says she needs to talk with you. So you step out into the hallway together, and she says, "I know I'm behind, but it's too late for me to withdraw. And I really need a 'C' to stay in this program. To be reimbursed. I've always wanted to be a nurse. It's just been... kind of hard lately."

You don't press her for details. You see in her eyes that she couldn't tell you anyway. Right now, she just needs to know how to make up the work. How to pass this required English class.

"Don't worry," you tell her. "Start writing this week. Hand in one paper. A draft. Let me see what you're thinking, what you can do."

Her eyes fill up. "Thank you," she says. "I'll do as much as I can. I promise."

But out of the last three classes, she only comes once. And that's only for a few minutes. She has her eight-month-old son with her. He stares quietly at you. She hands you one short paper, handwritten. She says she'll come to class the last week with all of her assignments. She promises.

The last week arrives. You keep watching for her, but she doesn't show up. After class, another student confides in you, "She couldn't come here tonight. She's in hiding. Hiding with her three little kids. Hiding from her husband

who's been threatening all semester to kill her."

You thank the student for telling you this. Then you pack up your bag and turn out the lights in the hospital conference room. You drive home. A waning moon is hidden behind the clouds somewhere.

What do you do now? The student didn't turn in one complete paper. She missed half of the classes. Technically, she should fail.

Later that night, you take out your grade book and put a "C" next to her name.

Because that was the right thing for me to do. Wasn't it?

► Lorraine Lordi is an Eagle-Tribune Publications columnist.



Lorraine Lordi

Parent to Parent: 'Let's talk about sex'

Parent to Parent will present "Talking With Your Kids About Sexuality" next Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at West Middle School Auditorium. The snow date is Jan. 24.

Research shows that kids who feel they can talk with their parents about sex are less likely to engage in high-risk behavior as teenagers, organizers say. Talking openly and listening carefully to kids about a subject that makes most parents feel a bit uncomfortable is not an easy task. Helping parents get the conversations started is Carol Plotkin, LICSW, who will offer practical, concrete tips and techniques for talking easily and openly with children ages 8 to 12.

Using her experience as parent, lecturer and specialist in the field of sexual development, Plotkin will provide parents with a framework to help understand normal sexual development. In addition, organizers said, methods of educating and communicating with children about sexuality will be explored.

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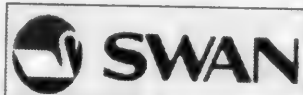
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Andover residents and members of the musical band Crown – (clockwise from top) Brock Bouchard, Dave Wholey, Chris Krey and Roger Cohen – will perform Friday at the Sad Cafe in Plaistow, N.H. at 7 p.m. "We'll have metal in it, some classical, some rock and some pop. We do it all in one song," says Krey. (Story to follow next week.)

Navy Band to play free concert

On Friday, Jan. 25 the town of Andover will present the Navy Band of the Northeast in concert at the Collins Center at Andover High School at 7 p.m. The concert will feature a range of music from big-band sounds to popular songs of the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s, and patriotic tunes. The Navy Band of the Northeast is renowned for high energy, toe-tapping performances and has a large following in this area, according to the town's veterans' services office.

The concert is free and tickets may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope indicating the number of tickets requested (limit is four) to: Navy Band Concert, veterans' services office, Town of Andover, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, 01810.

Tickets may also be obtained in person from the veterans' services office at Town Offices on Bartlet Street. For further information call John Doherty at 978-623-8218.

Local artist participates in national exhibit

Wilda Gerideau-Squires of Andover will be among the members of Women In Photography International whose work will be exhibited during "photo 1.a. 2002," which will be held Jan. 17-20, in Los Angeles, Calif.

"photo 1.a." is the largest and longest-running photographic art exhibition in the western United States, according to a press release. During its four-day exhibition, this prestigious annual trade show is expected to draw 6,000 visitors including collectors and museum curators.

Gerideau-Squires' photograph entitled "The Mime," which was selected for inclusion in this exhibit, was taken last year in Barcelona, Spain. It has also received several awards at regional shows including Andover's Art in the Park.

Gerideau-Squires is a member of the Andovers Artists Guild and the Newburyport Art Association.

Christ Church shows its creative side

Paintings, drawings, sculpture, wood carving, pottery, photographs, calligraphy, poetry and music are all expressions of creativity. They are all included in the upcoming Christ Church Epiphany Art Show. The show will be open the weekends of Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 2-3 between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. A reception to honor the artists will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 3-5 p.m. in the parish hall of Christ Church, 30 Central St.

An epiphany is a sudden awareness or revelation, a bubbling up of something new and exciting. Shane Crabtree, a member of the organizing committee and exhibitor, said, "We had no idea so many people were doing all this wonderful work." Participants range from those who consider themselves professional artists to those who are exhibiting for the first time. The creative work of more than 45 members of the Christ Church community, will be shown together.

The idea for the show began with Rev. Linda Ricketts and was encouraged by the late rector, Rev. Dennis Jarry. Photographs taken by Rev. Jarry will also be exhibited at the show.

Former state senator, rabble-rouser, to address AHS students

By Ben Hellman

Tom Hayden, one of the Chicago 7 accused of inciting the riots that disrupted the 1968 Democratic National Convention, will come to Andover during a January book tour and speak to Andover High School students.

Charges against Hayden and the rest of the Chicago 7 were later dropped and Hayden went on to become a California state senator and author.

Hayden will speak to junior and senior students in the class Democracy and Media Literacy.

Andover High School principal Peter Anderson calls Hayden a "media limelight figure" and has accepted his offer to speak to students during his stay in Andover.

Hayden is staying in Andover during the tour promoting his newest book, *Irish on the Inside*, courtesy of Andover attorney Arthur J. McCabe. McCabe met the Irish-American activist in Belfast and says he admired his activism and work in the '60s.

"I wrote my thesis on the Students for a Democratic Society," of which Hayden was a founder, says McCabe. After his college

days, McCabe "lost track of (Hayden)," but in 1997 McCabe met him unexpectedly in Belfast a day after McCabe found Hayden's book, *Irish Famine*, at a bookstore, and discovered that Hayden was active in Northern Ireland.



Author
Tom Hayden

McCabe and Hayden's paths crossed again during McCabe's stay in Belfast when the two men found themselves at a dinner given by the city. Hayden is a great admirer of Robert Kennedy, whom McCabe had worked for, and the two men became friends.

Tom Hayden brings with him to Andover students a fascinating life, including his student leadership of '60s anti-war and pro-civil rights activism, his long career of experience from the California Senate, a marriage and divorce from actress Jane Fonda. Hayden doesn't seem to have lost his '60s steam. On his retirement from the California State Senate he received the longest farewell in its history. As he left the senate, Hayden drew from a saying among prisoners in Northern Ireland, saying: "Let us not meekly serve our time."



PHOTO BY PERRY COLMORE

Photographs by the late Rev. Dennis Jarry will be included in the show. Pictured from left are Rev. Don Williamson, Shane Crabtree, Hannah Gibson and David Rodger.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 17

Chamber of Commerce workshop, on leadership for human resources professionals, \$35 non-members, \$20 members, 8-10:30 a.m., Ramada Rolling Green, Lowell Street; 978-686-0900.

Friday, Jan. 18

Mayors & town managers breakfast, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and including Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, \$25 non-members, \$15 members, 7:30-9:15 a.m., Andover Country Club; 978-686-0900.



Roland Merullo

Author reading, Roland Merullo of *Revere Beach Boulevard*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Live jazz, featuring saxophonist Peter Robbins of Andover, a 1997 graduate of Phillips Academy, free, 7:30 p.m. Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

Martin Luther King Day celebration,

featuring dance troupe, SLAM, of Phillips Academy, and others, and unveiling of oversized community quilt, free, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-686-9407.

Drum and Dance, rhythm instruction followed by free-form drumming, drums available for sharing, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Live music, with Stephanie Corby, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery & Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon-gallerycafe.com>.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., DJ Hazard, Mike Cote, Tom Caswell, call for

prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Joe Yannetti, Scott Roe, Rebecca Walker, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Art Festival, talent search, 2-4 p.m., New England Bible Church, 60 Chandler Road; Valerie Borgal 978-658-4693, <valeriesgallery@iglide.net>.

Disney Tunes concert, North Reading Chorale, free, 2 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Live music, with Connie Kaldor, \$15, 8 p.m., New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Church, Haverhill; 978-373-9259. ▶



Connie Kaldor

Violinist Stephanie Chase, appears with Symphony by the Sea, \$23-\$28, 8 p.m., Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass.; 617-522-8633.

Antiques festival, featuring appraiser Ron Wackowski of Andover, \$2 donation per item, limited to first 100 registered items, \$6 admission, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington; 781-862-4039, <www.NEAntiqueShows.com>.

Bean supper, \$5, \$3 children, 4:30-6 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 96 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence.

Martin Luther King Jr. discussion, with Rep. Byron Rushing, free, 2:30 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 978-970-5000.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., DJ Hazard, Mike Cote, Tom Caswell, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Joe Yannetti, Scott Roe, Rebecca Walker, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Sunday, Jan. 20

Auditions, teens, college students and adults, for annual spring production by Temple Emanuel, 6 p.m., 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

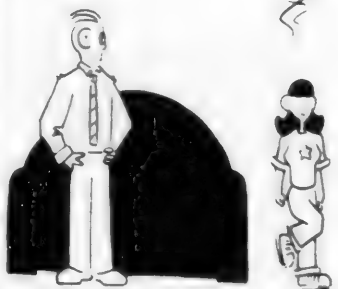
Andovers Artists Guild meeting, 2-4 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover.

Auditions, Concord Players' *Little Women*, 2-5 p.m., 51 Walden St.,

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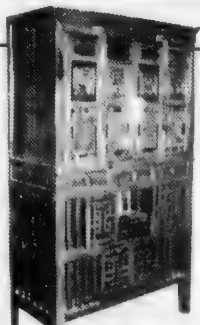
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Concord center, Concord: Lillian
Anderson, 978-369-1468, <www.con-
cordplayers.org>.Live jazz, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar
and Grill, 24-26 Hammatt St.,
Ipswich: 978-356-7006, reservations
recommended.Beverly Morgan-Welch, executive
director of the Museum of Afro-
American History in Boston and on
Nantucket Island, will join the Rev.
Mark R. P. Welch Jr. and the Rev.
Esther Rendon-Thompson to cele-
brate the birthday of Martin Luther
King Jr., 10 a.m., West Parish
Church, 129 Reservation Road; Diana
<westparishchurch@worldnet.att
.net>.Antiques festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see
Jan. 19 entr.Art Festival, talent search, 11:30 a.m.-
2 p.m., see Jan. 19 entr.

Monday, Jan. 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Republican Town Committee caucus,
to elect delegates to the Republican
State Convention in April, 7-15 p.m.,
Charles F. Dalton Jr., 978-470-1320.Discussion on healthy lawns, spon-
sored by Andover/North Andover
League of Women Voters, 7 p.m.,

"Tern Being Released From Fisherman's Line" is part of
"Gloucester Photographs," by Nubar Alexanian, through Jan.
31, at Cape Ann Historical Museum, 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester.
The exhibit hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-
5 p.m.; admission is free for the month of January. Call the
museum at 978-283-0455.

Memorial Hall Library; Diana Walsh
978-689-3740.Issues that face interfaith couples dis-
cussion, \$8, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Temple
Emanuel of Merrimack Valley, 101
W. Forest St., Lowell: 978-683-6711.Live jazz, with The Gray Sargent Trio,
\$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia
Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.:
603-893-6553.Open house, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Solomon
Schechter Day School of the Merri-
mack Valley, 514 Main St., Haverhill:
978-372-4140.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Talking with your Kids about Sexu-
ality, geared for parents with children
ages 8 to 12, with Carol Plotkin.LICSW, sponsored by Parent to Par-
ent, 7:30-9 p.m., West Middle School
auditorium; Barbara Jezak 978-474-
0387; snow date is Jan. 24.Auditions, New England Classical
Singers, call for appointment; 978-
470-6090, <www.newenglandclassi-
cal.org>.Writing workshop for cancer sur-
vivors, 6:30-8 p.m., YMCA, 165
Haverhill St.; Elaine R. Cohen 978-
725-6681; bring notebook and pen.Merrimack Valley Camera Club
meeting, featuring a focus on nature,
7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational
Church, Elm Street, North Andover;
978-689-9643.Open house, Solomon Schechter Day
School of the Merrimack Valley, see
Jan. 22 entry.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Artists reception for five Boston artists
who are members of the Blacksmith
House Printmakers exhibiting in Take
5, works that explore water-based,
non-toxic printmaking techniques,
exhibiting in McQuade Gallery at
Merrimack College (in the McQuade
Library), artists in the exhibit are:
Laurinda Bedingfield, Paula Grisdal,
Charles Stillman, Emily Trespas (of
Andover), and Jackie Wise; 6-8 p.m.,
McQuade Library, Merrimack Col-
lege; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Annie Get Your Gun, \$24.50-\$44, 8

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p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium,
50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 617-
931-2000, <www.ticketmaster.com>.

Friday, Jan. 25

Winter book sale, sponsored by
Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 9-
5:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library.

Faculty chamber music, celebrating
Mozart's birthday, 7:30 p.m., Timken
Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Acade-
my; 978-749-4263.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's wed-
ding, Joe Bolster, Ace Aceto, Quinn
Collins, call for time, prices, Comedy
Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-
LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz,
Ira Proctor, Jan Davidson, call for
prices, Comedy Escape at the China
Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-
8088.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Christ Church Epiphany Art Show,
includes paintings, drawings, sculp-
ture, wood carving, pottery, pho-
tographs, calligraphy, poetry and
music 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Christ
Church, Central Street; Shane Crab-
tree 978-475-4419.

Academy Chamber Music Society
concert, 7 p.m., Timken Room,
Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-
749-4263.

Benefit auction, for Sisterhood of
Temple Emanuel, \$15, 7 p.m., Tem-
ple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road;
978-975-7880; 978-686-3456.

Contra dance, for ages 6 and up, spon-
sored by Ivy Chord Coffee House, \$5,
\$15 per family, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Uni-
tarian Universalist Church of Read-
ing, 239 Woburn St., Reading; 781-
944-0494.

Bean supper, \$5, \$2 children, 4-6:30
p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 321

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In addition to Greenberg's tales, there
will be face-painting, refreshments and
exciting raffles. Suggested donation is \$5
per family, \$2 per person.

The Training Wheels program is a
monthly Jewish family education program
for parents, grandparents and preschool-age children, who learn
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For more information, contact Audrey Spencer at 978-474-9169.

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Scottish Celebration, Valley Players,
\$25, 7 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse,
194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-
9444.

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All About Time, \$32, 8 p.m., Stone-
ham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stone-
ham; 781-279-2200.

Live comedy, Joe Bolster, Ace Aceto,
Quinn Collins, call for time, prices,
Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-
888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz,
Ira Proctor, Jan Davidson, call for
prices, Comedy Escape at the China
Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-
8088.

Winter book sale, 9-5 p.m., see Jan. 25
entry.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Faculty Concerto concert, 3 p.m.,
Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy;
978-749-4263.

Live jazz, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar
and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St.,
Ipswich; 978-356-7006, reservations
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Walkathon, benefits homeless veter-
ans, 9 a.m., meet at Arsenal Mall, 495
Arsenal St., Watertown; 617-926-
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Chamber music concert, \$12, 4 p.m.,
St. John's Episcopal Church, 705
Hale St., Beverly Farms; 978-921-
7131.

Christ Church Epiphany Art Show,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., reception to honor
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Business

IN BRIEF

Chamber of Commerce to host Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host the ninth-annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast. The meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 18 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m., at Andover Country Club.

Cost is \$15 per member, \$25 for non-members.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber is the region's largest chamber, serving members throughout the Merrimack Valley. For information call 978-686-0900 or visit the Web site <www.merrimackvalleychamber.com>

Post Office proud of commitment

Andover Post Office played a leading role in the Middlesex-Central Performance Cluster maintaining national recognition for exemplary customer service for a fifth consecutive quarter, according to a press release.

Officer-in-Charge Margaret C. Dimock said customer service "is a hallmark of the United States Postal Service and we here in Andover are extremely proud of the commitment to service our employees give to our customers."

"Since the beginning of the new millennium," according to the release, "the nearly 200 postal facilities in the Middlesex-Central District (ZIP Codes 014 to 019) have displayed the Order of the Yellow Jersey (OYJ) flag in recognition of their outstanding achievement in customer service."

The OYJ refers to the yellow jersey worn by Lance Armstrong of the USPS Pro-Cycling Team as the winner of the Tour de France races in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Middlesex-Central District repeated its nationwide ranking when 97 percent of the independently polled customers gave excellent, very good and good responses in three key elements of the customer satisfaction measurement data survey: Accuracy of delivery, consistency of delivery and professionalism in serving customers.

District Manager Joanna B. Korker said: "We are extremely proud of our employees for their efforts in earning the flag flying, especially in light of the tragic events of Sept. 11. It is most gratifying to know that our employees place a high priority in serving their customers and that our customers value their trust and loyalty, as borne out by this national award."

She said Lance Armstrong "rose to the top and stayed there because of teamwork, and the Yellow Jersey is the symbol of a team working together toward a single goal—customer satisfaction—and our 7,600 district employees have demonstrated this teamwork by continually coming in at the top of the list in customer service."

Friendly's Restaurants give guests a chance to help Easter Seals

Local Friendly's Restaurants will give customers the opportunity to support Easter Seals services for children and adults with disabilities during the annual "Cones for Kids" campaign, running through Feb. 13.

For a \$1 donation to Easter Seals, people can choose either a kids' Valentine's Day card, redeemable for five free Friendly's Kids Cones, or an adult coupon booklet worth more than \$35.

The coupons include saving for Friendly's food and ice cream, as well as a free 8-by-10-inch color portrait from J.C. Penney Portraits.

This is the 21st consecutive year for the program, which has raised nearly \$20 million nationwide for Easter Seals programs and services since 1981.

A good neighbor on Post Office Ave.

DuBay, of Limoges Antiques, to be on *Martha Stewart Living* program

By Ben Hellman

DEBBY DUBAY IS A DYNAMO in a china shop.

Stop by her shop, Limoges Antiques, and the show begins. DuBay whisks her visitors around the Post Office Avenue business, teaching them the finer points of the world's "finest hard pasted porcelain." Those with no knowledge of Limoges won't leave DuBay's shop without learning something, and those who know quite a bit about Limoges won't leave without learning more.

The retired Air Force veteran with three masters to her name and several books under her belt wastes no time in putting her vast knowledge and love of Limoges to work.

Nestled on Post Office Avenue off Main Street, DuBay's Limoges antique shop is relatively hidden. However DuBay is gaining her share of attention. Oprah Winfrey's TV show has featured a book, *The Business of Bliss* by Janet Allon, editor of *Victoria Magazine*, which has a chapter dedicated to DuBay's business success.

DuBay has written three books herself. The latest, *More Living and Decorating with Limoges*, is set for release in September, when DuBay will appear on the *Martha Stewart Living* television program. Stewart will feature DuBay's first book, *Living with Limoges*. On being chosen for the program DuBay said she was "honored... What more can I ask for?"

DuBay has made Limoges her second career since retiring from the United States Air Force in 1995. A Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran, DuBay started collecting Limoges while stationed in Germany during trips to Paris antique shops.

"I came to Andover because I wanted to be part of a community," says DuBay. She certainly appears to be a good neighbor on Post Office Avenue. During a recent interview, Patrick



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Debby DuBay in her shop, Limoges Antiques, looks for the mark of authenticity on the bottom of each piece of china.

Duffy, sous-chef from Cassis Bistro next door, stopped by DuBay's shop shortly after his fiancé Jessica Williams dropped in to have DuBay appraise her engagement ring. (DuBay also purchases estate jewelry.)

DuBay's friend, North Andover artist John Lundquist, recently had a show at Alpers Fine Art gallery on the corner of Main Street and Post Office Avenue. A piece of DuBay's Limoges is in one of his paintings.

DuBay lent Lundquist the piece so he could paint it. The painting made a complete circle when DuBay's husband bought the piece and gave it to DuBay for Christmas. "I'm getting goose bumps," she laughed, as she told the story.

Business and pleasure seem blurred in DuBay's life. "It gets lonely in here. Your customers become your friends," she says.

And DuBay loves Limoges as much

as she loves people. She befriends almost everyone who wanders into her shop, stopping and talking with the mailman and UPS carrier as well as her regular customers who do seem to be friends. Customers invite her to their homes where she willingly helps them place their new Limoges pieces.

DuBay is active in Andover and has spoken to several groups, including the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

DuBay describes Limoges as "the finest hard-pasted porcelain," which people began to make in the 19th century and continue to make in the Limoges province of France today. Many French artisans of the 19th century got their starts with Limoges.

The hand-painted porcelain is frequently made into dinnerware, but DuBay's shop is packed with other decorative Limoges such as lamps and vases.



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Decorative vases can range in price from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

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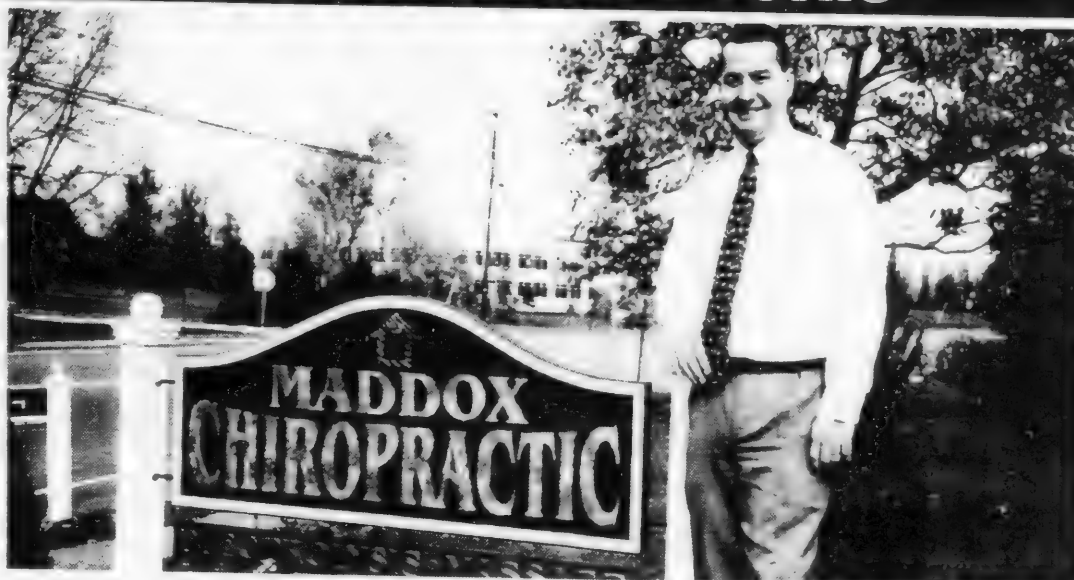
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Sports

AHS Roundup

100th career win on ice for Coach Cullen

By Rick Harrison

Andover High boys varsity ice hockey coach Bill Cullen walked down his 100th career victory with the Golden Warriors in their 3-2 victory over host Methuen in the second round of the MIAA tournament.

The game took place at the Andover High School ice rink. Cullen, who has coached for 25 years, has won 100 games in his career.

Key graduates were Erin Zuena, Courtney Conlon, Ellen Donahue and Libby Driscoll for the girls, along with Ryan Hayes and Jeff Marshall for the boys. John Colangelo is also gone after transferring schools.

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ALPINE SKIING

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Century mark - The Golden Warriors applaud varsity ice hockey coach Bill Cullen (center) after their 3-2 win over host Methuen gave their coach his 100th career victory with Andover High.

Schedule

The boys raced against Methuen and North Andover in the first round of the MIAA tournament, and then North Andover in a second round game on Jan. 28.

The girls did not return to the slopes until Jan. 28 for the second round with Methuen and North Andover.

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Lauren Hayes (23.13) was 9th against Fenwick and 10th versus Haverhill. Mallory Jaracz (23.44) finished 10th and 12th and Sloan McCauley (24.09) was 13th and 15th.

Lauren Underhill (24.29) placed 14th and Courtney Reed (25.03) was 15th versus Fenwick.

Andover boys

Ryan Piazza had the fastest run of all skiers from all schools on the hill opening day, leading the sweep of Bishop Fenwick and Haverhill with a winning 20.30 clocking.

Justin Roy was second (21.10) and others in the top 10 for the locals were Erik Fosse (4th, 21.56), Conor Lynch (5th, 21.62), Nels Nelson (8th, 21.97), Luke Larson (9th, 22.06) and Doug Heath (10th, 22.20).

The next five places went to AHS skiers Ryan Macomber (11th, 22.25), Jordan Thibault (12th, 22.39), Nick Stamas (13th, 22.54), Aaron Dynes (14th, 22.68) and Jim Green (15th, 22.70).

"Ryan Piazza looked great and Justin Roy, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, skied well," said coach Busta. "Freshmen Erik Fosse and Conor Lynch were a pleasant surprise."

"Jimmy Green pulled off a pretty good time even though he fell. I'm not worried about him. He, along with captains Roy and Larson, have been a big asset helping coach the younger kids at practice."

"The kids we lost through graduation and transfer hurt — but I like this group a lot. It's going to take a total team effort

to succeed," said Busta.

Rebounding from his first-meet tumble, sophomore Jimmy Green placed first against Masconomet and second versus St. John's Prep with a 20.31 clocking in the second meet.

Placing second through fourth against Masco were Justin Roy (20.70), Ryan Piazza (21.04) and Eric Fosse (21.16).

Others in the top 10 were Aaron Dynes (7th, 21.89) and Luke Larsen (10th, 22.10), while Conor Lynch (22.17) and Nels Nelson (22.38) were 12th and 13th respectively.

Roy finished 5th versus SJP, while Piazza was 6th, Fosse 8th, Dynes 12th, Larsen 13th and Lynch 15th.

"Green skied the way he can and reminded us what he's capable of," said coach Busta. "Roy skied well — but if he skis mistake-free, watch out!"

"Piazza had another great run going but unfortunately had some trouble at the second-to-last gate. He made an athletic move to finish."

"Fosse, a freshman, continues to impress and will only improve."

"The St. John's meet was much closer than the score reflects," added Busta. "We put a good scare into them — and we get to race them again (Jan. 29)."

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Outstanding goaltending, timely scoring and strong defensive play kept the first-year Andover High girls ice hockey team on course as the Lady Warriors continued their impressive work with four close victories over Chelmsford (5-3), Gloucester (1-0), Wilmington (2-1) and Masconomet Regional (4-3).

Against Gloucester, sophomore Dolly Beechinor posted the program's first shutout and Jacqui Munro scored the only goal in the second period at O'Malley Rink in Gloucester.

Top scorer Adrienne Shea continued her sniping with a pair of goals to lead the way against Chelmsford at the New England Sports Center in Marlboro.

Munro once again had the winning goal, and Beechinor was razor-sharp, in the 2-1 squeeze past Wilmington.

Four different players scored and the Lady Warriors withstood a late charge in the final six minutes to edge Masconomet.

With the victories Andover improved to 8-1 overall.

"We just keep rolling and it's been a lot of fun so far," said AHS head coach Bill McCarthy. "It's early to be looking ahead — but we only graduate three players and there are some good eighth graders who will be eligible next year. We should be as good or better."

Because Andover is a first-year team and does not play in a league, it was uncertain whether the locals would be allowed to participate in the MIAA Tournament.

"I intend to give Dan Shine (girls' tourney director) a call and see if they could include us in the tournament," said McCarthy. "I think our kids have earned it."

Stay tuned.

Scoring leaders

Adrienne Shea leads the team with 10 goals and five assists for 15 points. Grace Farnham has four goals, six assists and Katie Stewart two goals, six assists.

Verissa Montalbano also boasts two goals and six assists, Jacqui Munro five goals, two assists and Ashley Malins four goals, three assists.

Schedule

Andover does not play again for three weeks, returning to finish out the regular season with games Feb. 6 at Mt. St. Joseph's in Charlestown and Feb. 9 at home versus Marblehead.

Between now and then the AHS skaters will play several controlled scrimmages to stay sharp.

Andover 4 Masconomet 3

The Lady Chieftains, who lost to Andover 6-3 back on Dec. 15, came out fired-up at their home Pingree School Rink in Hamilton.

"They were all over us at the start," said coach McCarthy. "The game was played late at night (9 p.m.) and we were flat coming off our big win over Wilmington."

The first of three goals by Masco's Jen Giguere, unassisted on the power play at 11:06 of the first period, put AHS in a 1-0 hole.

The locals got on the board and grabbed the lead with two goals in the

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middle session, Kim Chandler tying the game at 10:05 and Capt. Katie Seero making it 2-1 just 75 seconds later.

Verissa Montalbano assisted on the first goal and Seero was set up by Jess Leider and Ashley Malins.

Andover dominated the opening nine minutes of the final period, extending its lead to 4-1 after Megan Finn connected at 4:56 from Chandler and Adrienne Shea scored her 10th goal two minutes later (6:55) with setups to Grace Farnham and Montalbano.

But Masco, which did not have a shot in the first nine minutes of the period, battled back on rapid-fire goals by Giguere 45 seconds apart at 9:45 and 10:30.

AHS netminder Dolly Beechinor, who made two breakaway saves in the game, managed to hold off the assault the rest of the way.

"Masco pulled its goalie in the final minute and there was a scrum in front of our goal," said McCarthy. "The puck ended up in the net — which would have tied the game — but the whistle had blown."

Beechinor finished with 25 saves as Masco held a slim 28-25 shooting edge.

Andover 2
Wilmington 1

Outstanding goaltending on both sides kept the score down and the dramatics up in this game at Phillips Academy.

"We must have taken 40 shots," said coach McCarthy. "Adrienne Shea may have been the most frustrated because she had four point-blank shots and their goalie (Heather See) stopped them all."

"Dolly Beechinor had another outstanding game for us, making saves on two or three breakaways that would have won the game for Wilmington."

Gold Line freshman wing Kim Chandler gave the Lady Warriors a 1-0 lead with her first goal of the season just two minutes into the game.

Heather Miller, sophomore center Megan Finn and junior defenseman/Capt. Jackie Collins all helped out on the scoring play.

The Wildcats (3-8) pulled even at 9:33 of the first period, and it remained 1-1 until Jacqui Munro notched the game-winner with only 71 seconds left in the final period (13:49).

"It was a beautiful second effort by Munro," said McCarthy. "She took a shot from the top of the faceoff circle and it was blocked. She got her stick on the rebound as she was falling to the ice, and somehow managed to shoot the puck into the net."

Jess Leider assisted on the acrobatic goal.

"The third period was especially important for us because our girls never gave up," said McCarthy. "Even though their goalie was stopping everything — we kept applying pressure with no let-up. We really buzzed them."

The defensive unit of Verissa Montalbano, Capt. Tara Hancock, Allison Abreu, Sarah Donelan, Collins and Leider once again played very well.

"Megan Finn deserves a special nod," said coach McCarthy. "She got a chance to fill in at forward, taking a regular shift, and she created numerous chances. She earned herself more playing time."

Andover 1
Gloucester 0

Goaltender Dolly Beechinor played the entire game and finished with a spectacular 27-save shutout, making at least three or four stops along the way that preserved the whitewash.

"This was a big game for us," said coach McCarthy. "Gloucester beat Winchester (which handed AHS its only loss, 3-2) and they have an established and well-respected program."

Freshman left wing Jacqui Munro pumped home the only goal, with junior defenseman Jess Leider starting the second-period scoring play by intercepting an attempted clearing pass.

Leider fed the puck to sophomore blue line partner Verissa Montalbano, whose shot popped over to Munro for a quick flick past Gloucester goalie Ashley Shoares.

Shoares also played well, keeping the game close with 29 saves including three on breakaways by the Lady Warriors.

"Gloucester was the most physical team we've played," said McCarthy. "Our girls showed a lot of character and we continue to improve in all aspects of the game."

The Andover defensive unit of Capt. Jackie Collins, Allison Abreu, Capt. Tara Hancock, freshman Sara Donelan, Montalbano and Leider came in for special praise.

"Leider has been doing double duty for us," said McCarthy. "She played forward in the Chelmsford game and moved back on defense for this one."

The loss was only the third for Gloucester (5-3).

Andover 5
Chelmsford 3

The Lady Warriors broke a 1-1 tie with three straight goals seven minutes apart in the middle stanza, taking the lead for good and defeating Chelmsford for the second time this season (5-1 in the season opener).

The rivals traded first-period goals, Orange Line sophomore center Ashley Malins scoring at 9:30 before the Lions' Jenn Murphy tied it with 1:07 left in the session.

Breaking the game open in the second with consecutive goals were junior center Grace Farnham (5:02), Capt. Katie Seero unassisted (8:55) and Adrienne Shea with another solo tally (12:28).

Head coach's daughter Samantha Rowe got one back for Chelmsford just 39 seconds after Shea connected.

Andover protected the 4-2 lead in the third period and Shea capped the visitors' offense with her second goal 31 seconds from the final horn. Linemates Katie Stewart and Farnham were credited with assists.

The Lions' Andrea Cutty, who set up their first two scores, notched one of her own with only three seconds remaining.

Senior Angelica Rotsart played the entire game in net for the locals.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shannon Sweeney, Ashley McLaughlin and Jenny Muller combined to score 40 points as the Andover High girls varsity basketball team took sole possession of first place in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference with an impressive 60-46 showdown win over upstart Lowell at the Dunn Gym.



Timeout — Coach Jim Tildsley (kneeling) improved his overall won-lost record at Andover to 126-21, after the Lady Warriors smacked Lowell, 60-46, Saturday at Dunn Gym.

Lowell was unable to mount a serious challenge even though it entered with a 5-0 conference record and a 64-60 win over Central Catholic under its belt.

The Red Raiders' only lead was 2-0, as the locals built a 28-19 halftime advantage and led by as many as 20 points, 55-35, with about five minutes to play.

That key victory, along with a clinical 68-28 mauling of Tewksbury and a crisp 49-26 win over Dracut, boosted AHS to 8-1 overall and 6-0 in conference games.

"The starting five is doing an excellent job and we're getting solid help off the bench," said coach Jim Tildsley, whose overall won-lost record at Andover is now a spectacular 126-21.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors play at Haverhill (4-6) tomorrow night and host Chelmsford (5-3) next Tuesday (both 7:30 p.m.).

Needing two more wins to qualify for the Division 1 North Tournament, the locals could do it as early as next Tuesday.

The rematch with Walpole, which handed AHS its only loss to date (55-46), is Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27 at Walpole High (1:30 p.m.).

Leading scorers

Ashley McLaughlin leads the team after nine games with 130 points (14.4 average), while Jenny Muller has 129 and Megan Pinksten exactly 100.

Muller now has 814 career points as she closes in on 1,000 for her career. With 11 regular season games plus the MIAA Tournament left the milestone is within reach this season.

Andover 60
Lowell 46

The Red Raiders gambled by concentrating their 2-3 zone defense on Jenny Muller and Ashley McLaughlin, which left Shannon Sweeney open in the

middle.

She took advantage by torching Lowell for 14 of her season-high 16 points in the first half.

"They were shadowing Jenny and Ashley," said coach Tildsley. "Jenny made some perfect passes to Sweeney in the right spots — and I don't think Shannon missed a shot in the first half."

Lowell, forced to pay more attention to Sweeney, then got burned by Muller and McLaughlin.

"We played very well defensively," said Tildsley. "They were breaking our press but had to work really hard against the full-court man-to-man."

"We won the game with our defensive intensity and rebounding. We had 19 offensive rebounds and kept the ball alive for a lot of second and third shots."

The winners, who were outscored 15-5 at the free throw line but had almost twice as many field goals as Lowell (27-14), were led by Sweeney with 16 points, a season-high 15 rebounds and three assists.

Ashley McLaughlin contributed 13 points, seven boards, four assists and two steals, while Muller produced 11 points, eight assists, five rebounds and three steals.

Megan Pinksten and Merry Fish tossed in six points each, Matia Kostakis four and completing the attack with one field goal each were Samantha Hughes and Kerrie Dargan.

Katie Kramer delivered six assists and two steals, Kostakis added six boards and Hughes five rebounds, one steal.

Three Lowell players reached double figures as Jenn Scannell pumped through 12 points, Estrella Kuilan 11 and Courtney Keefe 10 including a pair of treys.

Andover 68
Tewksbury 28

TMHS proved to be no match for Andover, as the locals constructed a commanding 42-16 halftime lead and cruised to the triumph in the MVC crossover game at the Dunn Gym.

Nine Andover players figured in the

scoring and four finished in twin digits.

Megan Pinksten tossed in 15 points, Jenny Muller and Ashley McLaughlin 12 each and Merry Fish a season-best 11 points including a trio of shots from behind the arc.

Samantha Hughes pocketed six points, Shannon Sweeney five and Matia Kostakis nailed a field goal.

Liz Pallotta converted three free throws and Meagan Merinder two foul shots.

Muller also had five assists and six steals, Katie Kramer five steals, three assists and Kostakis nine rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Sweeney pulled down 13 rebounds, picked off five steals and passed out three assists, while Ashley McLaughlin contributed six boards, six steals, four assists and two blocked shots.

Tewksbury, which did not have a player in double figures, was sparked by Rachel Burke with eight points, Michelle White five and Mandy Venuti four.

Andover 49
Dracut 26

The host Middies slowed play down in the first half with an effective zone, but struggled with the AHS defense as the Lady Warriors took a 14-2 lead and held an 18-10 advantage at the break.

"We moved the ball well against their zone — but we didn't shoot well in the first half," said Tildsley.

Andover scored the first eight points of the second half, and Dracut never came closer than 12 points the rest of the way as the locals slowly built the lead to the final 23-point margin.

The 26 points marked the third time in nine games the Lady Warriors have held the opponent below 30 (Methuen, Tewksbury).

Because there were only four free throws taken — all by Dracut — the game flew by in 55 minutes. The Middies were 2-for-4 from the line and Andover a rare 0-for-0.

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Ashley McLaughlin produced 11 points, eight rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots, while Megan Pinksten had 10 points and 10 boards.

Shannon Sweeney finished with six points, seven rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

Merry Fish nailed a three-pointer and had three assists. Matta Kostakis added a basket and four rebounds and Kerrie Dargan a basket.

Other fine floor games were turned in by Kelly McLaughlin (five rebounds, two steals), Katie Kramer (three steals, two assists) and Samantha Hughes (two boards, two steals).

For Dracut (5-5), top guns Jen Fontaine and Nicky Gavel were held to nine and four points respectively after combining to average over 30 in the team's first nine games.

Muller did a fine defensive job on Fontaine and Pinksten shut down Gavel.

Coach Jim Hildsley of the girls varsity basketball team announced that Merry Fish is this week's recipient of the Boy Scouts' National Service Project Award.

"Merry is doing a terrific job for our team this season," says Coach Hildsley. "She's come off the bench and really given us a nice spark in several games. She had 10 points against Lowell and 11 points against Tewksbury, including three three-pointers for the week. Merry works hard, and we sense her leadership is increasing. She's an important part of our team."

Next week's Player of the Fortnight award winner will be a player from the boys' team.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Just about every game this season has been — and will continue to be — an adventure for coach Dave Fazio's Andover High boys varsity basketball team.

This past week was no exception as AHS edged Tewksbury, 87-81 in overtime, handled unpredictable Lowell, 65-55, and made it three straight with a rare laugh, 81-54 over Dracut.

The wins boosted the Golden Warriors to 6-4 overall, 6-2 in terms of MIAA Tournament qualification, and 4-1 as a co-leader in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

"We just came through a heck of a week," said Fazio. "Every game is a war and we see what's going to happen."

We were down by 12 with 7:40 left at Tewksbury and came from behind to force the overtime and win it.

"We wanted to hold Lowell to 50 points and we came close. We've been giving up way too many points — but our defense finally woke up against Lowell," said Fazio.

Against Tewksbury and Lowell we finally closed out the opponent with strong play in the final four minutes. We struggled down the stretch in earlier games.

"The big motivation against Dracut was telling the kids about last year, when we lost the season opener to them (59-54). That ended up costing us the league title."

"All 10 of our kids are have been contributing," said Fazio. "(Anthony) Silva and (Jarrett) Mackin are giving us

strong defense off the bench. (Drew) Watts is scoring some big baskets and (Tyler) Richards is doing a bit of everything at both ends of the floor."

"This past week we also improved our free throwing shooting and rebounding," noted the coach.

Scoring leaders

Chris Vetrano has 252 points through 10 games (25.2 average), while Jack Barrett boasts 119, brother Kevin Barrett 97 and Pat Stockwood 61 despite missing two games with an ankle injury.

Vetrano already has 667 career points after a season and a half.

Through the first nine games Andover had attempted exactly 200 three-pointers and hit 65, led by Vetrano with 31, Jack Barrett 17 and Stockwood 11.

"That's a cool stat," said Fazio.

Vetrano led the team with 46 assists in nine games, and the top boardmen remain Brendan Smith (6.0 rebounds per game) and the Barrett brothers (both 5.0 per game).

The team is now hitting 69 percent of its free throws.

Schedule

Andover has another huge weekend ahead.

Tomorrow night (Friday) the locals host Haverhill, which recently beat Brockton in a non-leaguer, and Sunday night Newton North will be at the Dunn Gym (both 7:30 games).

North is currently ranked No. 7 in the Eastern Mass. Coaches Poll, and the Tigers will be the fifth highly-ranked team fearless AHS has played this winter.

Andover 87
Tewksbury 81 (ot)

Extended to overtime for the first time this season, the Golden Warriors rode Chris Vetrano's second consecutive 40-point outburst to the exciting MVC inter-division triumph at Tewksbury.

It was the first loss for the improved Redmen, who entered the game 6-0 overall (now 7-2) and champions of the annual Wilmington Knights of Columbus Christmas Tournament.

Vetrano pumped through 13 of his game-high point total in the five-minute OT, as the locals snapped a 67-67 regulation tie and outscored TMHS 20-14 in the free-wheeling extra session.

"Vetrano was unbelievable," said coach Fazio. "Back-to-back 40-point games is remarkable."

Tewksbury, which led 34-31 at the half, forced the overtime when top scorer Paulo Caldoncelli converted two free throws with 20 seconds left in regulation.

Sophomore guard Jack Barrett supported Vetrano with a personal season-high 20 points, including a crucial three-pointer that broke Tewksbury's back and gave AHS a five-point lead in the OT.

Pat Stockwood, returning to the lineup after missing two games with an ankle injury, tossed in nine points and Kevin Barrett had five.

"Pat hit two quick three-pointers when we were struggling," said Fazio.

Drew Watts pocketed four points, Chris Brouillard and Anthony Silva three each, Brendan Smith two and Tyler Richards had a free throw to account for the season-high 87-point outburst.

Vetrano again had seven assists to make him responsible for 54 AHS

points for the second straight game.

Caldoncelli countered with 24 points for TMHS, while also in double digits were John Muccio with 23, Mike Rocco 15 and Andy Imbriglio 14. Caldoncelli and Rocco combined for 29 rebounds.

The Redmen finished with a 28-23 edge in field goals, but Andover outscored the host team 27-22 at the free throw line and hit a season- and league-high 14 three-pointers.

Vetrano nailed a personal-best seven shots from behind the arc, while Jack Barrett buried four, Stockwood two and Brouillard his first of the season. Tewksbury managed only three treys, all by Muccio.

Andover 65
Lowell 55

Guards Kevin Barrett and Chris Vetrano combined for 48 points, and the Golden Warriors did some nasty free throw shooting in the clutch down the stretch.

Unpredictable host Lowell, trailing 28-23 at the half, pulled into a 51-51 tie with four minutes left in the game.

Vetrano, closely guarded all night and held to three field goals, began nailing foul shots as Andover closed out the game with a 14-4 run to climb back over the .500 mark and remain undefeated in conference play.

Kevin Barrett, who got more looks at the basket because of the special attention given Vetrano, responded with a season-high 26 points.

Vetrano pocketed 22 points and shot 83 percent from the charity stripe where he converted 15 of 18.

Drew Watts netted six points, Pat Stockwood four, Tyler Richards three, Anthony Silva a field goal and Jack Barrett two free throws.

"We had two great scoring spurts in this game," said Fazio. "Early in the second half Lowell cut our lead to one — so we threw up a half-court trap and built the lead back up to nine."

"After they tied it with four minutes left we trapped again and went on the second spurt."

Kevin Barrett hit 11-of-16 from the floor (.688 percentage), while also producing six rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots.

Vetrano had six assists and five steals.

Brendan Smith finished with five assists, five steals and four rebounds.

"Silva and (Chris) Brouillard were instrumental in our defense at the end of the game, forcing several turnovers and bad shots," said Fazio.

AHS shot 81 percent as a team from the foul line (21-for-26), but struggled from behind the arc where they were only 2-for-19.

Lowell (3-8), whose only three wins came in the Greater Lowell Christmas Tournament, had three in double figures as Leo Martinez netted 17, Frederick Kuonkorgo 13 and Dan Rogers 11.

Andover 81
Dracut 54

Chris Vetrano poured through 23 points, hitting five more treys, and Jack Barrett added 16 as the Golden Warriors rolled out to a commanding 43-23 half-time lead and had one of its few romps.

In topping 80 points for the second time this season, the locals also had 10 from Drew Watts, nine from Pat Stockwood and a season-high seven from Tyler Richards.

Completing the offense, as all 10 players contributed to the scoring, were Jarrett Mackin with a season-high six,

Kevin Barrett four, Anthony Silva and Chris Brouillard a basket each and Brendan Smith two free throws.

Brian Zukowski paced Dracut with 19 points.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity hockey team split a pair of 3-2 decisions recently, losing to Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 1 crossover rival Central Catholic at the Salem, N.H. ICenter before nipping Methuen three days later for coach Cullen's landmark 100th victory.

Those results left the locals at 4-3-2 overall and kept them unbeaten in Division 2 of the conference at 3-0-2.

Cullen has well over 200 career wins including his 15 seasons at Wilmington.

Schedule

Andover faced a rugged assignment last night, after Townsman presstime, when the locals hosted MV/DCL Division 1 co-leader Billerica which entered with a 7-1-1 overall record and 3-0-1 league mark.

The Indians already own impressive wins over traditional Eastern Mass. state powers Reading (3-1), Arlington High (2-0) and Waltham (6-0) this winter, and last weekend battled league archrival Chelmsford to a 3-3 tie.

It's out of the frying pan into the fire Saturday afternoon when MV/DCL Division 2 co-leader Boston Latin invades the Merrimack Valley Forum for a 1 p.m. game.

The Wolfpack, winners of four MV/DCL Division 2 titles in the last five years, are currently tied with AHS atop the tightly-bunched standings.

Scoring leaders

After nine games, Peter Burbank tops Andover with five goals and 10 assists for 15 points.

Top goalscorer Mike Corey has nine and five assists, while Tim LeGrow has four goals and four assists, Steve Johnson three goals, five assists and Joe Nasta one goal, seven assists.

Andover 3
Methuen 2

Peter Burbank's goal in the final minute of the second period stood up as the game-winner.

The Golden Warriors took a 1-0 lead at 3:53 of the opening stanza on junior forward Andrew Santos' third goal of the season. Assists went to Steve Johnson and new addition Ben Hoerner, a sophomore transfer from Phillips Academy who was playing his second game after completing rehab from a knee operation.

Mike Corey's ninth goal 29 seconds into the middle period made it 2-0, the shorthanded tally coming after a terrific setup pass by Joe Nasta.

Eric MacDonald put Methuen on the board three minutes later, but Burbank retaliated at 14:23 with the eventual game-winner assisted by Corey.

Corey fed a pass to Burbank who banged the puck home from close range.

The Rangers made it interesting when Jeremy Abdo netted an unassisted goal at 10:09 of the third session with one second remaining on a Methuen power play.

The home team pulled its goalie for the final 59 seconds but did not create any serious scoring opportunities.

Both goaltenders played exceptionally well, Andover's Derek Barenboim with 24 saves and Methuen's Tom

Kupka 20 as the Rangers finished with a 26-23 shooting edge.

Central Catholic 3
Andover 2

Division 1 Central, whose 3-8 record includes several close losses to Eastern Mass. powers, used a pair of shorthanded goals as the springboard to the tight crossover win.

"We were very disappointed to give up two shorthanded goals," said coach Cullen. "That hasn't happened in a long time."

"The ICenter is a big ice surface and it takes time for visiting teams to adjust. We only had one defenseman back for a 2-on-1 break that led to the winning goal. There's a lesson to be learned from that."

Andover jumped ahead 1-0 at 7:22 of the first period on a goal by Mike Corey.

Excellent checkerboard passing among Peter Burbank, Joe Nasta and Corey set the latter up for a wide-open low shot from the slot.

The Raiders responded with a pair of first-period goals four minutes apart, the first by Keith Simoes (8:22) and the tiebreaker shorthanded by Mike Ferrick (12:33).

Tim LeGrow pulled the locals back even with a power play goal at 3:56 of the second stanza, Joe Nasta setting up a hard shot from the point.

Casey Duggan produced Central's second shorthanded tally at 9:35 of the middle stanza, and neither team was able to score in the remaining 20 minutes.

"We had a three-minute power play after a double minor on Central late in the game, and we also pulled our goalie for the final 40 seconds," said coach Cullen. "But their goalie did a terrific job and we were not able to capitalize on several rebound chances."

Derek Barenboim made 16 saves for AHS and Tony Helinski 26 stops in the CCHS net, as the Golden Warriors held a 28-19 shooting edge although managing only five shots in the third period.

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High girls and boys track teams continued their assault on the opposition, both extending modest win streaks with Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet victories over Haverhill at the AHS Field House.

For the second time this winter the girls meet was decided in the final 4x400 relay, as the Lady Warriors' quartet of freshman Jenny Delesk, Carolyn Berberian, Capt. Natasha Camilo and anchorwoman Stephanie Casper won the race in 4:27.6 to clinch the triumph.

The AHS boys grabbed two of the top three places in eight events, dominating the sprints and distance races, on the way to a convincing 53-33 victory over Haverhill.

The sweep left the AHS girls at 4-1 overall, with four straight wins, while the boys are 3-2 and have won two in a row.

Schedule

Yesterday afternoon, after Townsman presstime, the locals hosted Billerica in MVC dual meets at the AHS Field House.

The annual State Coaches Relays are this weekend at the Reggie Lewis Track Center in Roxbury.

Next Wednesday the Andover boys oppose Dracut, while the girls run against both Dracut and MVC Division

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ INDOOR TRACK

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2 leader Notre Dame Academy (4-3, 4-0 league) in a tri-meet at the AHS Field House.

Andover girls 46 Haverhill 40

Andover was clinging to a slender 41-40 lead and needed to win the relay. Jen Delesk ran neck-and-neck with her Hillies' opponent on the first leg, and Carolyn Berberian gave the locals a one stride lead halfway through the race.

Natasha Camilo extended the lead considerably on the third leg, handing the baton to Stephanie Casper who held off Haverhill standout Natasha Stevenson on the anchor leg.

Andover won the relay by about three seconds and the 4:27.6 clocking was a season-best.

The locals took first in six of the 10 events, and needed all those points because Haverhill placed 1-2 in the other four.

Camilo also led a sweep of the high jump, clearing 4'10" while sophomore Melissa Parry and junior Becca Fink both soared over the bar at 4'6."

Casper (personal-best 1:34.6) and Camilo (1:35.0) finished 1-2 in the 600 run, as did Capt. Katie Gustin and Patricia Wong (both 7.6) in the 50 hurdles.

Other winners were Delesk in the 50 dash (6.5 seconds) and junior miler Bristol Konjoian with a season-low 6:00.3 clocking.

Contributing key third places were sophomore Charlene Fielding (50 dash, 6.8), Berberian (300 dash, 42.4), Capt. Lindsey Durkin (1000 run, 3:11.0), miler Lauren Woo (6:04.8), two-miler Cory Hanson (13:15.8) and shot putter Betsy Miller (28'6 1/4").

"Haverhill had a two-point lead after the 1000 — midway through the meet," said AHS head coach Art Iworsley. "The mile was a big race for us. Bristol and Lauren finishing first and third was key because Haverhill had two runners in the top three for part of the race and could have clinched the meet with a first-place finish."

Andover boys 53 Haverhill 33

The usual AHS suspects were up to their old tricks as they led the win over the Hillies.

Sprinters Chris Callison (50 dash, 5.6) and Capt. Bruce Brown (300 dash, 34.7) remained undefeated in their specialties.

Miller Ryan Durkin recorded a personal-best 4:48.3 time and junior two-miler Phil Shaw was an easy victor in 10 minutes, 30 seconds.

Hugh Zhang cleared 5'3" to win the high jump for the first time, and grabbing 1-2 in the 50 hurdles with personal-best clockings were sophomore Vincent Errico (7.3) and Tyler Hopkins (7.4).

Other runners-up were A.J. Sisodia in the 300 dash (34.9), Matt Nitzberg (600 run, 1:25.6), sophomore Jeff Sawyer (1000 run, 2:38.5) and shot putter Marc Barnaby (42'9 1/2").

Jason Crabb contributed a second in the high jump (5'3") and third in the 50 dash (6.0).

Completing the scoring with additional thirds were freshman Matt Malloy (600 run, 1:27.4), junior Dan Calderone (1000 run, 2:40.6), miler Sam Nigh (5:01.4) and two-miler Jimmy Muller with a personal-best 11:12.3.

The loss was only the second in five meets for Haverhill.

Auerbach Frosh/Soph Meet

Andover had several strong individual performances in the annual Auerbach Freshman/Sophomore Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track Center.

On the girls side Jenny Delesk was second in the 55-meter dash, while for the boys hurdler Vincent Errico placed second in the 55-meter highs and Ryan Durkin was sixth in the mile.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Despite strong individual performances by Sean Geary and Nick Saunders, the Andover High boys swim and dive team went down to a pair of recent Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet defeats to powerhouse Chelmsford (100-75) and surprising Nashua, N.H. High (101-82).

The double dip squared the Golden Warriors' overall record at 3-3 with four dual meets left.

Schedule

Andover hosts Lowell tomorrow afternoon at the Greater Lawrence Voc-Tech pool, looking for a season sweep of the Red Raiders (98-79 earlier), and hosts Haverhill next Wednesday with hopes of also sweeping the Hillies (95-83 win last month).

Both MVC dual meets start at 3:30 p.m.

North Sectionals

Thus far five AHS swimmers, most in multiple events, have qualified for the annual North Sectional Championship Meet scheduled the middle of next month at Haverhill High's Charles White Natatorium.

Those who have made the grade in at least one event are Jon Meltz, Sean Geary, Nick Saunders, Paul D'Ambrosio and Tim Tuveson.

Chelmsford 100 Andover 75

The Lions, who have won the Merrimack Valley Conference title seven of the last eight years and appear headed to the top again this season, placed first in 11 of 12 events and swept the top three spots in four races on the way to victory.

Highlighting the meet for the Golden Warriors was sophomore Sean Geary, who won the 500-yard freestyle with a superb personal-best 4:53.18 clocking and finished a close second in the 200 free after touching in 1:51.00.

Other AHS runners-up were freshman Jon Meltz in the 100 backstroke (1:05.81) and the 200 free relay of Nick Saunders, Mike Avila, Capt. Rob Lakow and anchorman Geary (1:40.51).

Placing third for the locals were Lakow in the one-meter diving (120.80 points), Meltz (100 free, 56.53) and a pair of relay teams.

The 200 medley foursome of Paul D'Ambrosio, Geary, Saunders and Ben Carter was timed in 1:59.25, while the 400 free quartet of Meltz, Bert Gilbert, freshman Tim Tuveson and D'Ambrosio posted a 3:59.75 clocking.

Earning fourths were Mike Avila in the 200 IM (2:30.62) and 100 butterfly (1:15.88), Lakow (50 free, 26.63), Tuveson (100 free, 58.94), Adam Edelstein (500 free) and Saunders (100 breaststroke, 1:20.29).

Nailing down fifths were D'Ambrosio in the 200 IM (2:32.50) and 100 breast (1:25.82), Saunders (200 free, 2:05.56), Gilbert (50 free, 27.22), Zac Broomfield (100 fly, personal-best 1:25.50), Phil Martin (500 free) and

freshman Chris Mullen (100 back, 1:12.78).

Completing the AHS placers in sixth were Bob O'Neil (200 free), freshman Tom Avila (200 IM, 2:35.89), Carter (50 free, 28.85), sophomore Greg Robinson (100 fly, personal-best 1:31.88), sophomore Steve Fang (100 free, personal-best 1:15.56), sophomore Joe Reynolds (100 back, 1:20.25) and Gary Chen (100 breast, 1:29.97).

"Our kids swam well and had fun," said Andover head coach Mark Taffe. "That's all we could ask for in a meet against a team like Chelmsford."

Nashua, N.H. 101 Andover 82

Hoping to avenge a loss to Nashua earlier this season, the locals instead were beaten by the same exact score as the Purple Panthers completed a sweep of the season series.

Andover did have a pair of double winners in Sean Geary and Nick Saunders.

Geary placed first in both the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.72) and the 500 freestyle (5:01.84), while Saunders was tops in the 50 free (23.39) and 100 butterfly (59.28).

Saunders' time in the 50 free was almost a full second better than his previous personal-best.

The Golden Warriors also had several second-place finishes from one-meter diver Rob Lakow, who scored a personal-high 145.10 points, and the 200 and 400 free relays.

The 200 relay consisted of Saunders, Paul D'Ambrosio, Lakow and Geary (1:41.44), while the 400 foursome included Lakow, Jon Meltz, Geary and Saunders (3:56.49).

Nashua earned the runner-up spot in each of the remaining nine events.

Chalking up thirds for AHS were Meltz in the 200 free (2:07.22) and 100 breaststroke (1:17.25), Capt. Bert Gilbert (100 free, 59.22), Mike Avila (500 free, 6:29.81), D'Ambrosio (100 backstroke, 1:07.25) and diver Phil Martin.

Third-place relays were Meltz, Tom Avila, Tim Tuveson and Mike Avila in the 200 medley (2:01.31), along with Gilbert, Tuveson, Ben Carter and Bob O'Neill in the 200 free (1:54.72) and Mike Avila, Gilbert, Chris Mullen and D'Ambrosio in the 400 free (4:04.04).

Notching fourths were Tuveson in the 200 free (2:09.45) and 100 fly (1:07.44), Mike Avila (200 IM, 2:31.59), D'Ambrosio (50 free, 25.66), Lakow (100 free, 59.44), Adam Edelstein (500 free, 8:47.94), Joe Reynolds (100 back, personal-best 1:17.25) and Tom Avila (100 breast, 1:18.00).

Chipping in with fifths were Mullen in the 50 free (personal-best 25.78) and 100 free (59.56), Gilbert (200 free, 2:16.00), Tom Avila (200 IM, 2:34.22), Zac Broomfield (100 back, personal-best 1:21.57) and Gary Chen (100 breast, 1:27.00).

"It was impressive the way our seniors went after this meet," said coach Taffe. "They had some very good swims."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

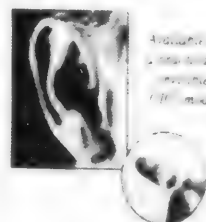
After beating Dracut 137.825 to 128.95 in the season opener two weeks ago, the Andover High girls gymnastics team finally returned to action last night at home (after *Townsmen* presstime) against Tewksbury.

The Lady Warriors' next meet is Tuesday night at Billerica (7 p.m.)

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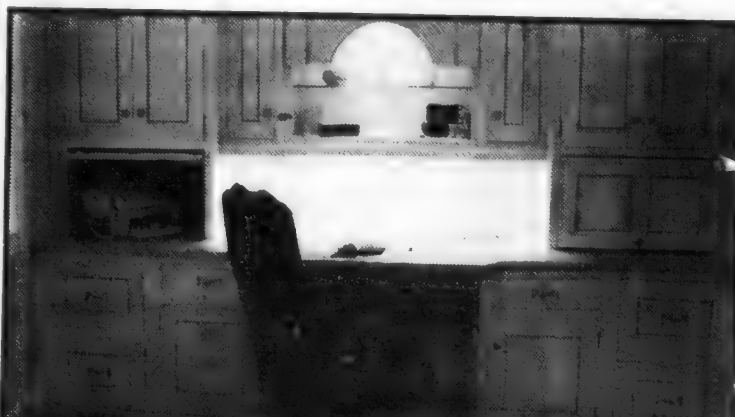
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Ongoing

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibition Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum: with period rooms from 1820s through 1840s representing the lifestyle and collections of Andover people; Caroline Underhill Research Library & Archives; Exhibition of Winter Traditions and Holiday Customs (Hanukkah, India, Sweden), with "Toys, Trains, and Dolls," continued through January; open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays and Saturdays by appointment only; house tours 1-4 p.m. \$5; students \$3; members free; 978-475-2236.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, free, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John, Lowell.

AFE grants

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books from the nominated list. The program promotes reading outside the required books.

Finally, aspiring poets at Bancroft School will be able to hold their very successful Poetry Fest and Slam in April. Students in grades 3 through 5 take part.

"It is very exciting to receive these innovative ideas for projects from the teachers," said AFE president Mary O'Donoghue.

She also said AFE plans to showcase a number of completed projects in the form of a video collage at their upcoming Spelling Bee, which will take place Friday, April 5 at Doherty Middle School.

Your Dental Health

by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.



INSIDE INFORMATION

As it turns out, some dental x-rays reveal more than information about the teeth, bones, and gums. According to a recent study, reported in *The Journal of the American Dental Association*, panoramic radiography can also be used to detect the hardening of the arteries in the neck that can foreshadow stroke. Panoramic x-rays are taken by machines that move around the patient's head. Included in these images are potential blockages in the arteries of the neck caused by calcium deposits. With this in mind, dentists are alerted to look for signs of calcification that might lead them to refer patients for treatment. Dentists should be especially observant when examining postmenopausal women, for whom strokes are a major cause of death.

Realizing the relationship between oral health and a patient's overall health, your family dentist uses many techniques to diagnose, treat, restore, and promote total patient well-being. We offer this column to our readers in the hopes of educating the general public about the benefits of oral health. If we can help, either by answering questions about x-rays and dental procedures, or providing comprehensive dental care, please call us at 978-475-2431, 296 Lowell Street, Rt 133 (with easy access off Rt 93).

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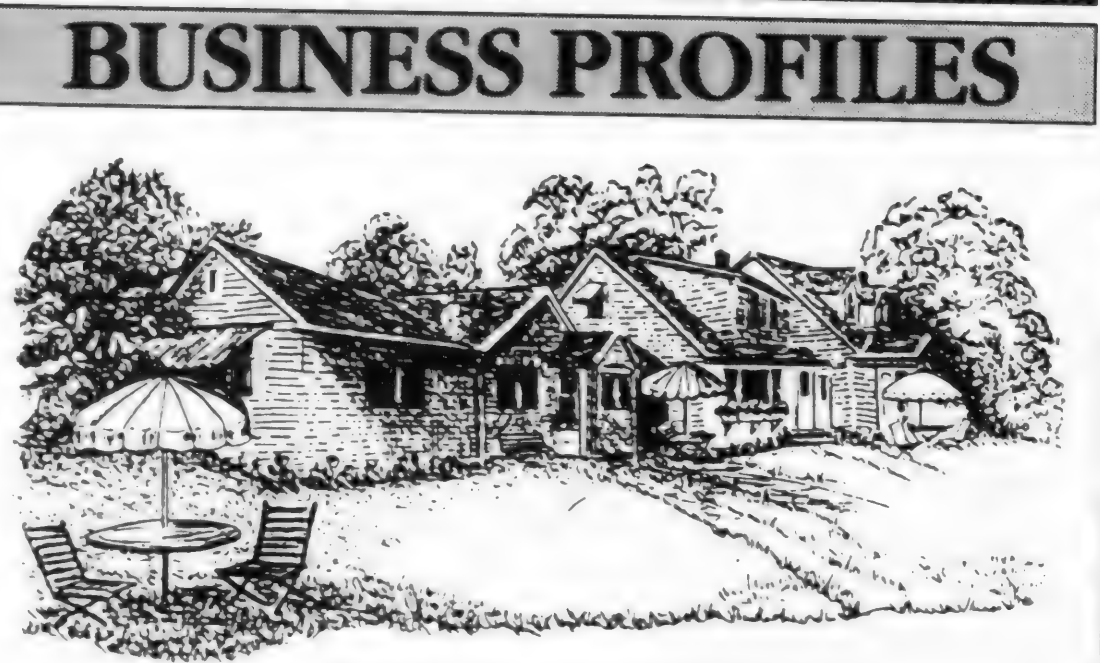
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clients and always take that extra step to ensure that their clients look sensational.

"Healthy, fashionable hair is so important to a person's self image. A stylish haircut and flattering color make everyone feel more confident and attractive," advises Dennis. He suggests multi-dimensional highlighting using shades of blond and red to create a natural, sun-lightened look. "Combine this with a quality cut and styling to look sensational. Layering

long hair is still very popular. Giving short cuts a tousled look is not only low maintenance, but is also a popular style."

Dennis' Beauty Shoppe serves both men and women, and welcomes seniors and children under 12 with special rates. Gift certificates are available. Located at 200 Osgood St., North Andover, Dennis' Beauty Shoppe is open Tues.- Fri. 8a.m.-8p.m., Sat. 8a.m.- 3p.m. Telephone (978) 683-2279.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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DEPARTMENT
ESSEX, SS. DIVISION
Docket No. 01P 2481-G1
GUARDIANSHIP -
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WITH SURETIES

To YOUNG HEE AN of Andover, in said County and husband and heirs apparent or presumptive:
A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter alleging that said YOUNG HEE AN is a mentally ill person, and praying that JEOUNG AN of Andover in the County of Essex or some other suitable person, be appointed her guardian; and with the further authority to treat with antipsychotic medication in accordance with the treatment plan - to commit or admit into a mental health facility.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before February 11, 2002.

WITNESS, John C. Stevens, III, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, the ninth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and two.

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court By The Law Office of Robert F. Kelley 130 Parker Street, Suite 24 Lawrence, MA 01834 (978) 688-6900

January 17, 2002

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No. 01P1074EP1

In the ESTATE OF
ARTHUR W. SMITH
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
December 7, 2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that A. WAYNE SMITH of JAMES CITY in the State of FLORIDA be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety. PAUL BIRCH, the other executor named in said will, having declined to serve.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) **FEBRUARY 11, 2002.**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, January 8, 2002.

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court
January 17, 2002

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and
Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No. 97C0066CA2

In the Matter of
MARGARET ANNE
MAIHOT of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

To all persons interested in a petition described:
A petition has been presented praying that MARGARET ANNE MAIHOT of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be allowed to change her name as follows:

**MARGARET ANNE
MAIHOT
TO
MARGARET ANNE
BRIGHTMAN**

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WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, January 9, 2002.

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate
January 17, 2002

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover, by the Board of Assessors of said Andover, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Andover, on Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

John R. Imperato and Jennifer Imperato. Land in said Andover, at 190 Jenkins Road shown as Parcel 8 on Assessors' Map 33, being Lot 2 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 1711-I, except Lot 14 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 1711-N, described in Ex. No. Dist. Cert of Title 10530, B.76, P. 125.

1999 tax \$51.58 2000 tax \$51.28 2001 tax \$52.22.

Benjamin Sayles. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 70 North Main Street, shown as Parcel 26 on Assessors' Map 38, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1236, P. 524.

1999 tax (bal) \$3,041.51 2000 tax \$3,092.62 2001 tax \$3,149.60.

Benjamin Sayles. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 117 Salem Street, shown as Parcel 3 on Assessors' Map 42, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1274, P. 688.

1998 tax (bal) \$152.95 1999 tax \$3,100.75 2000 tax \$3,193.70 2001 tax \$3,252.56.

James G. Baxter and Leona Baxter. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 43 Lowell St., shown as Parcel 79 on Assessors' Map 52, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1233, P. 547. Supposed subsequent owner: James G. Baxter.

1999 tax \$2,856.51 2000 tax \$2,935.86 2001 tax \$2,989.96

James J. Pash and Louanne C. Pash. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 21 Ballardvale Road, shown as Parcel 11 on Assessors' Map 80, being Lot 26 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 4162-X, described in Ex. No. Reg. Dist. Cert. of Title 6688, B.45, P. 153.

1998 tax \$1,931.84 1999 tax \$3,646.87 1999 water lien \$262.00 2000 tax \$3,650.78 2000 water lien \$640.00 2001 tax \$3,718.06 2001 water lien \$2,026.00

Paul R. Coglian and Rosemarie Coglian. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 4 Phaeton Circle, shown as Parcel 15 on Assessors' Map 154, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1860, P. 284.

1999 tax \$2,050.51, 1999 sewer lien \$267.80 1999 water lien \$346.96.

DAVID J. REILLY
Collector of Taxes for
the Town of Andover

(This form approved by the Department of Revenue.)
January 17, 2002

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Douglas G. Schramm and Robert W. Schramm to American Residential Mortgage Corporation, dated August 10, 1992, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 3520, Page 212, of which mortgage National City Mortgage Company is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on February 7, 2002, on the mortgaged premises located at 40 River Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

a parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated on the Westerly side of River Road in said Andover, bounded and described as follows:

- EASTERLY: by River Road One Hundred Twelve & 02-100 (112.02) feet;
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For our title see Deed from Elizabeth K. Vanasse to us to be recorded herewith.

For Mortgagee's title see deed recorded with Essex County, Northern District, Registry of Deeds in Book 3592, Page 330.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John Ventre a/k/a John W. Ventre and Janice Ventre to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 19, 2000 and recorded with the Essex County (N.D.) Registry of Deeds at Book 6037, Page 321, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of certain real estate located in Andover, known as and numbered 44 Farrwood Drive, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of February, 2002, at said mortgaged premises in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

The land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot #33 on Sheet 1 of a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Farrwood Forest, Andover, Massachusetts owner Roy R. Farr, Sagamore Drive, Scale 1"=40", 10 April, 1967, Raymond C. Pressey, Inc., C.E." recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 5806, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

- NORTHERLY by the Southerly line of the Circular portion of Farrwood Drive, 89.01 feet;
 EASTERLY by Lot #34, 260.81 feet;
 SOUTHERLY by land of New England Power Company, 230.00 feet;
 SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Thomas A. Thompson, 73.69 feet; and
 NORTHWESTERLY by Lot #32 on said plan, 238.29 feet.

Containing 48,010 sq. ft. as shown on said plan. For title, see Book 2086, Page 292.

Said sale shall be subject to all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, liens or claims in the nature of liens, existing encumbrances of record, Federal, State and Municipal taxes or tax liens, municipal betterments and easements, if any, created prior to the mortgage being foreclosed upon. Said premises shall also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenants or occupants by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction, which tenants or occupants are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances, including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

TERMS OF SALE:

Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be paid in certified or Bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Steven A. Ross, Esq., Gilmartin, Magence & Ross, P.C. 376 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

The postal address of the mortgaged premises is known to me as 44 Farrwood Drive, Andover, MA 01810

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12 Business Opportunities

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32 Condos/Townhomes

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38 Vacation Properties

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Rentals

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55C Lawrence-South

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55D Lawrence-South

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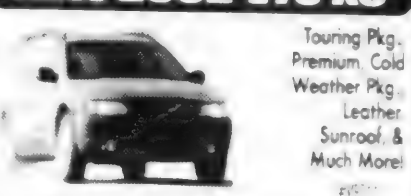
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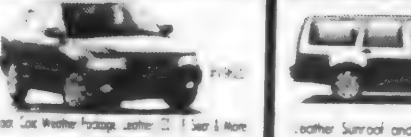
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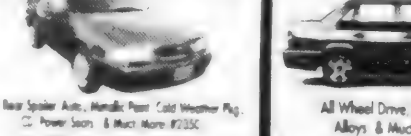
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231 Vans

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\$465,000



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Nearly new Colonial with Farmer's porch
Cul-de-sac has 14 homes on 51 acres
Crown molding - wainscoting - french doors
kit w/raised panes cab/sideboard/porcelain sink
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\$399,000 - \$458,876



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Exceptional home close to pond!
School bus stops across the street
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in value range \$399,000 - \$458,876
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ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Intown renovated Cape a must see!
Kitchen with beautiful new maple cabinetry
New electric - many new windows & doors
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ANDOVER!
Spacious Open Foyer Colonial!
2636+ sq. ft. - 8/4/2.5 - 2 car gar - HW
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\$380,000



ANDOVER!
Gracious and spacious!
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Generous sized rooms - Mstr w/bath
Vaulted ceiling, glass walled sunroom
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1st flr study - 2nd flr laundry - Walkout lower level
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\$995,000



OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3
5 Tamys Lane

ANDOVER, Spectacular!
Landscaped private acre+ abuts state forest
Open floor plan perfect for entertaining
Cathedral ceiling 33x18 dining area with wall to wall glass
11 rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths - 4800+ living space
1st floor master with skylit marble bath/Jacuzzi
Another listing by JB Doherty x212
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\$297,500



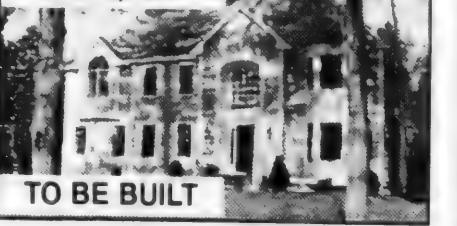
ANDOVER, 1st ad!
Walk to town - Updated pristine Ranch!
Corner of new kitchen & appliances
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gleaming hardwood floors - new bath
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ANDOVER, LOCATION!
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Coffered din cell - wide moldings
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\$819,900



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ANDOVER - 3 year young Contemporary Colonial set in natural 3+ acre setting. Nine spacious rooms, 3.5 baths, family room plus study, lots of hardwood floors, finished lower level, spacious deck - like new condition! **\$599,900**



NORTH ANDOVER - Campbell Forest, off Salem St. New area of 37 homes. This 3,800 sq. ft. Colonial features 9' ceilings, central air, maple kitchen with granite counters & stainless appliances, 4 full baths, super master bedroom, 3 car garage, all town services. **\$799,900**



ANDOVER - Impressive Federal Colonial in private 2+ acre setting with wonderful convenience to town, schools and commuter routes. Delightful full circular staircase, great room with wall of built-ins, fireplaced family room, lovely sunroom, even a guest suite! **\$819,900**



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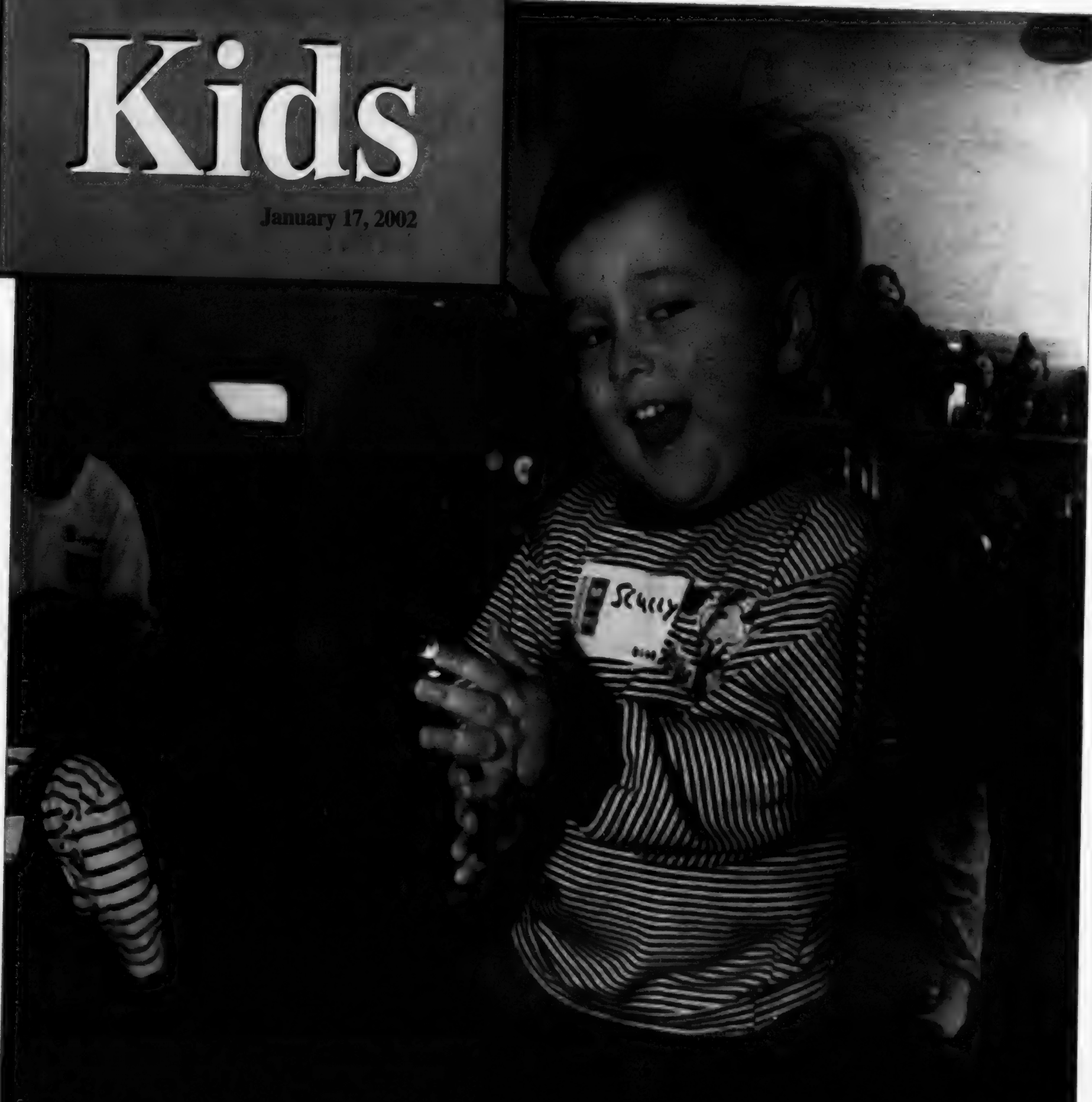
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Keep kids busy during those long winter months

By Sue Tabb

When mid-January rolls around, many of us start feeling like the walls are closing in on us. The winter has a way of cleverly disguising itself during the holiday season; there are wreaths, beautiful lights, trees and fresh, white snow. There are parties, gifts and lots of yummy treats. There is festive music and dancing and warm, cozy fires.

When the holidays are over, the parties are finished and the decorations are put away, we are left staring into the harsh face of winter. And, if you have young children, it can be difficult to manage the post-holiday let-down that inevitably infiltrates once the novelty of the new toys and gifts winds down. So, what's a parent to do? How can we keep the little ones busy and our own sanity for the next couple of months while we muddle through the coldest part of the year?

Why not lace up those skates and let the kids work off some of that energy at a local ice rink? Most rinks have learn-to-skate programs, public skate hours and special events or extended hours during school vacations. The Icecenter in Salem, N.H., offers a variety of programs for all ages and skill levels.

"We have learn-to-skate programs for ages 3 and up - 'tiny tots' for beginners and a learn-to-skate for kids who know how to skate but want to improve," says Frank Spinazzola, facility manager at the Icecenter.

There is a public skate time designated every day but Thursdays, including weekends. Public skate generally runs about an hour and a half and costs \$6 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and under

and free for ages 4 and under. Skates can be rented for \$4.

"During school vacations, we put on extra public skates - we may do two a day," notes Mr. Spinazzola. "We also have hockey leagues from age 8 or 9 through adult."

Another way to get the kids to expel some of that energy may be to look into movement programs such as the ones offered by Gymboree in Andover. The programs are designed for children from birth through 4 years of age and their parents and focus on specific lesson plans that are age-appropriate, always involving music and always keeping children moving.

"Two-year-old groups (called GymExplorers) work on transportation week, jungle safari - we'll also do story time and puppetry," explains owner Robin Canha. "They're ready to use their imagination at 2 years old and so we do that. We even have a program for moms and newborns that focuses on sensory stimulation."

There are four sessions per year that run anywhere from eight to 14 weeks. In addition, Gymboree offers some music programs that cover 16 music styles over the course of the



Twenty-month-old Zachary Labrecque plays with teacher Saskia Barrett.

year, including classical, country, folk, rhythm and blues, Latin and jazz. Children as young as 6 months can get involved in the classes, which have become increasingly popular.

"The children will use small percussion instruments so they can learn to sense the beat of the music; they are learning rhythm," Ms. Canha explains. "They dance or rock to the music - we are always moving."

If money is tight, why not take advantage of the free children's programs offered at most local libraries? The children's room generally offers a wealth of resources, programs and events throughout the year targeted at different age groups. Barbara Michaud, a librarian at the Wilmington Memorial Library, says they have a variety of activities for kids starting as young as 2 years old.

"We have a 'time for twos' program, which is a drop-in program that runs on selected Thursdays (upcoming dates are Jan. 24 and Feb. 7). It's a half-hour program for 2-year-olds and their caregivers; they go in together, hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays (movement to poetry) and work on flannel boards," explains Ms. Michaud.

ON THE COVER: Scully Wilhelm, 3, has some fun at Gymboree in Andover. Photo by Carol Van Doren

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As most libraries do, the Wilmington Memorial Library also has story hours for children ages 3 to 5 that parents must register their children for in advance. Special events include an upcoming program with Janice Allen on Jan. 19; she performs a concert of African-American music and folklore and circle games for children ages 2 to 5 and their families. The program, funded by a Community Partnerships for Children grant by the Massachusetts Department of Education, does require reserved tickets, but they are free of charge.

Older children can take advantage of Wilmington Memorial Library's book discussion groups that take place once a month on Friday afternoons. And, there is a monthly "family night" that is a drop-in program recommended for ages 5 and up; the next few are scheduled for Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and March 20, beginning at 6:30 and running for approximately one hour. Activities include reading stories and making craft projects.

And, for those really cold or snowy days when you don't want to venture out, it's a good idea to have some age-appropriate videos on hand as a special treat for the kids. Lauren Donoghue, an employee at Superstar Video on Shawsheen Street in Tewksbury, has some recommendations. For very young children (preschool), she suggests "The Land Before Time VIII: The Big Freeze," "The Book of Pooh" and "The Tiger Movie." For elementary school children, she recommends "The Air Bud" series (including "Air Bud," "Air Bud: World Pup" and "Air Bud:

Golden Receiver"). "Recess: School's Out," "The Emperor's New Groove" and "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Ms. Donoghue lists "The Princess Diaries," "Shrek" and "Spy Kids" as good movies for middle-schoolers. She also suggests a couple of Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen movies that would be appropriate for both elementary and middle school kids, including "Our Lips Are Sealed" and "Passport to Paris."

And, don't forget those high-tech resources that are available to anyone with a computer. Three Web sites that have some neat ideas for crafts, games and activities to keep the little ones occupied are www.thefamily.com, www.funbrain.com and www.verybestkids.com.

The first, www.thefamily.com, is a site with something for everyone in the family, but it has quite a bit that's geared toward small children. If you go under the "children" category and then click on "Kid's Korner," you'll hit the jackpot. Here, you can find coloring pages that you can print and activities for preschoolers, such as foil art, instructions for making musical instruments, balloon games and much more. The section in Kid's Korner called "together time" is also chock-full of ideas for games, recipes and crafts. Click on the "crafts" heart and you'll find dozens of projects that are easy, quick and fun. Some sample projects are included at the end of this article to give readers an idea of what the site has to offer.

At www.funbrain.com, you'll find dozens of games that educate kids on a wide variety of

subjects, including language and grammar (Grammar Gorillas, What's the Word? and Spellaroo), geography (Where is THAT?), memory skills (Fun Match) and lots more. The interactive games are free and focus on teaching children in an innovative and fun way.

One last Web site worth mentioning is www.verybestkids.com, which is dedicated to enhancing language and creative skills and features learning games and activities. Be sure to check out the "crafts & activities" section to see how to make your own toy train and little hands paperweight. The site also provides the capability to plug in a zip code and find out what family or kid-oriented events are going on in your area.

The bottom line is to try to keep things interesting and fun and to vary the activities a bit. Remember, the winter won't last forever — it just seems that way. The flowers will undoubtedly bloom again!

Try some of the following winter-day activities.

Paper Butterflies

Materials needed:

Tempera paint
Paintbrush
Clothespin (the spring kind)
Colored construction paper
Round paper coffee filters
Glitter and glue (optional)

Directions: Lightly paint paper filters in color(s) of your choice. Paint lightly and thin paint with a little bit of water so that the paint is more of a wash than a thick layer. Add glue and glitter for sparkles if you like. The glitter adds a nice shine. When filter is dry, pinch two sides of the fil-

ter together so that it looks like a bow. Clip the clothespin on (clothespin is the butterfly's body) and spread out the filter so that the sides look like butterfly wings. Cut long, thin strips of construction paper for antennae and glue to top of clothespin. Paint the clothespin a color that complements the butterfly's color. The simple-to-make butterflies look great hanging on curtains or cords.

Source: www.thefamily.com

Moon Craters

(children ages 3 and up)

Materials needed:

Liquid starch
Rock salt
Spoons
Glue with food coloring
Bowls
Poster Board

Directions: Mix 1/2 cup liquid starch with 2 cups rock salt and 1/2 cup glue plus food coloring or tempera paint (this makes a gooey, lumpy mixture). Let your child freely pile mixture onto cardboard to create a three-dimensional structure. These will crystallize and dry hard. Do not let child put this mixture into his or her mouth.

Source: www.thefamily.com

Homemade Geo Board

Materials needed:

12-by-12-inch pieces of pegboard (available at home building supply stores)
Golf tees in a variety of colors
Rubber bands in a variety of colors

Directions: Place a golf tee upside down (point sticking up) in each corner of your pegboard (sand down point for safety if necessary) to raise the board off the surface of the table. Now, let

the children use the remaining tees as pegs, pushing them into the board in various designs. Have them use the rubber bands to wrap around the tees. You will be amazed at the designs your children will come up with. Have them make triangles, squares, rectangles, etc., or have them match the rubber band colors to the golf tee colors.

Source: www.thefamily.com

Indoor Picnic

What you'll need:

Room with lots of floor space
Large sheets of yellow, white and black construction paper
Large blanket or table cloth
CD or tape of summer music and player
Shorts, sunglasses and sandals
Picnic meal in basket
Paper plates and napkins
Cellophane tape or string
Plastic trash bag

How to do it: Cut a big, funny sun out of yellow construction paper and hang it from the ceiling or on the wall. Cut a few white, puffy paper clouds and hang them from the ceiling, too; use tape or string to attach. Spread a large blanket on the floor. Using the shape of the number "8," cut some ants out of black construction paper and scatter them around the edges of the blanket. Play beach music. Have everyone change into shorts and sandals. Of course, they'll need sunglasses. Make sandwiches and snacks. Arrange paper plates and napkins on the blanket and serve lunch. Remind your picnic guests not to litter. Pass around a plastic bag for trash. Lie on the blanket on your backs, counting clouds and brushing away the ants.

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(NAPSA) – It's estimated that 12 million school-aged children are diagnosed with head lice every year. The condition is so common that school principals surveyed by the National PTA named head lice their No. 1 children's health concern.

Head lice is characterized by a persistent itching at the back of the head and around the ears. Children with head lice feel a tickling sensation caused by something moving and may have sores from scratching. To see if your child has head lice, use a comb to separate his or her hair into sections. Look for tiny

creatures or rice-grain-sized eggs.

The following tips can help parents and children deal with lice.

- Know how children get head lice: Direct head to head touching spreads lice. Lice do not fly or jump, they crawl. Tell your children how lice is spread and not to share the following items: hats, hair "scrunchies", scarves, combs, towels, linens, nap-time blankets, stuffed animals, dolls or head-phones. In addition, children should not hang clothes together in locker rooms or on coat hooks.
- Know what to do if your child

has head lice: Head lice can be treated with a number of products available over-the-counter. After parents wash their children's hair with lice treatment, it is important that they thoroughly comb the hair.

- Know how to control lice in your home: If a family member has lice, machine wash all of his or her clothing, bedding and towels and dry in a hot dryer for at least 20 minutes. Then, soak all brushes and combs in rubbing alcohol or hot, soapy water. Finally, be sure to vacuum. Clean all carpets and furniture, then carefully dispose of or empty the vacuum bag.

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If you were to visit the program on any given day, you might see: costumed characters greeting kids on opening days; outstanding sculpture and painting exhibits; clowns and other dramatic performances; "pirates" on a treasure hunt; rockets being launched on the playground; kids using compasses to plot courses; "reporters" interviewing other kids for their own newspaper and/or video;

puppets on parade; Richie's slush cart; freshly popped popcorn at snack time; and so much more.

This year, the three independent sessions run from July 8 to 12, July 15 to 19 and July 22 to 26. Students may register for one or more sessions as desired. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis by mail.

Kaleidoscope has its own Web site: www.kaleidoscopekids.com. Along with detailed course descriptions and a registration form that can be e-mailed, visitors to the Web site can find terrific pictures from last summer's program.

Program Director Janis Baron, who is also the program founder, feels that Kaleidoscope is based on the essential premise that learning is fun and that all kids can learn in a creative, hands-on environment with an exceptional teacher. Kaleidoscope instructors are drawn from many communi-



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ties, but they all share teaching expertise, enthusiasm and the ability to teach children with many varied learning styles. Kaleidoscope recognizes the individual needs and strengths of children and is most sensitive to discussing those issues with parents.

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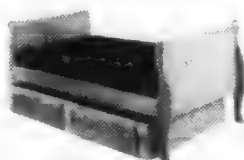
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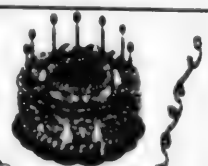
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(NAPSA) — Recommended immunizations and regular checkups at the pediatrician's office or local health clinic are an important way to keep children healthy. Children should visit the doctor on a regular basis — how often depends on age and overall health — to check on his or her general well-being and growth.

To help busy parents get on schedule and to educate them on the importance of regular checkups, immunizations and growth monitoring, the American Academy of Pediatrics has joined the Pampers Parenting Institute and Wal-Mart to provide information to parents and caregivers through the Babies First campaign, a unique initiative to help educate families about children's health issues.

"Children need to see their pediatrician regularly in the first few years of their life, and it's difficult for many parents to keep track of checkups, immunizations and other appointments," says AAP President-Elect Louis Cooper, M.D., FAAP. "It's also very important for children to have a 'medical home,' — a regular doctor who knows the child as a person, his or her medical history and family environment."

Dr. Cooper offers the following general advice for scheduling doctor visits and suggests that parents contact their local pediatrician for programs specific to their children.

Pre-delivery meeting

The AAP encourages parents and pediatricians to meet before the baby is born. During this visit, parents and pediatricians can meet and learn about each

other, and parents can often get answers to questions they may have about their unborn child.

Newborn

It is important that your pediatrician examines your newborn while he or she is in the hospital. If your newborn is discharged from the hospital in less than 48 hours, you will need to schedule a visit within two days of being released.

Infancy (up to 2 years old)

First year — Schedule a visit with the doctor at about 2 to 4 weeks of age and at least four other visits at regular intervals before 1 year of age. Second year — Schedule visits at 12, 15 and 18 months of age or more often if recommended by your pediatrician.

Preschool period (2 to 5 years old)

Schedule visits yearly or more often if recommended by your pediatrician.

School-age period (6 to 21 years old)

Schedule visits at 6, 8 and 10 years of age and yearly visits between the ages of 11 and 21.

Doctor visits should include: the following:

- A review of your child's medical history since the last visit. This includes an honest discussion of how he or she is doing physically and emotionally and how he or she is performing at school;

- A complete physical examination of your child. After the examination, be sure to discuss any abnormalities that were dis-

covered. At each physical exam, beginning with the first one after birth, your pediatrician will take certain measurements: Your child's length, weight and head circumference (the distance around his head) will be measured and plotted on growth charts;

- Necessary screening tests for proper growth and development, including vision, hearing, anemia, lead, cholesterol, urinary abnormality, tuberculosis infection and certain inherited disorders;

- Necessary immunizations during infancy, such as pertussis (whooping cough), diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type B, pneumococcal infections and varicella (chickenpox). Later in age, your child will need additional booster doses and any newly available immunizations as advised by your pediatrician;

- Appropriate discussion and counseling concerning your child's care and diet with recommendations for the handling of any special health problems; and

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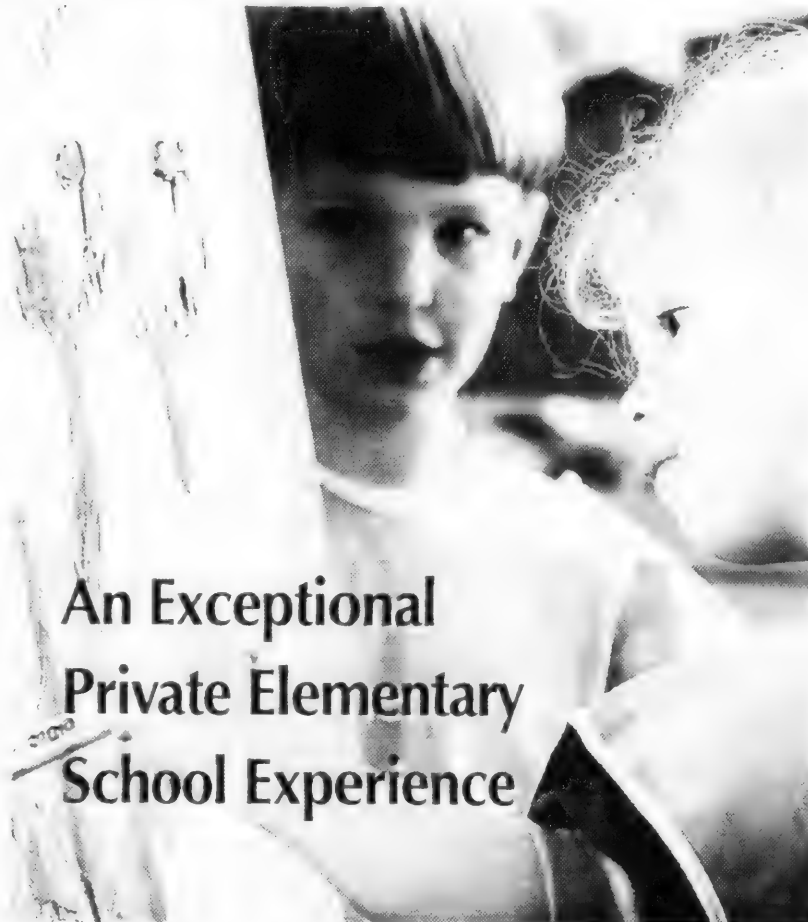
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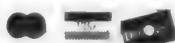
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(NAPSA) - School days can be a stressful time of year for kids and parents alike, especially in the morning when time is tight. Try the following tips to help keep your family organized and on time.

- Prepare ahead: Use your time in the evening to prepare as much as you can for the following day. For instance, spend a few minutes with your kids preparing tomorrow's lunch. You can use the time to catch up while giving an unsuspecting child a lesson in how to make a nutritious meal. You can also avoid wardrobe-related issues by laying out one or two outfits the night before.

- Make the morning routine fun: Children will do important tasks without complaining when you make them fun. Replace toothbrushes with the new and affordable "spinbrushes", electric toothbrushes. Kids will brush longer without your prodding and it cleans better than an ordinary manual toothbrush. Try other fun, time-saving tips such as switching to a singing or talking alarm clock so you don't have to build in time to drag junior out of bed.

- Divide and conquer (chores, that is): You can't do everything yourself and still get everyone out the door on time. Delegate morning chores with a work chart that includes all family members - kids and parents. This will



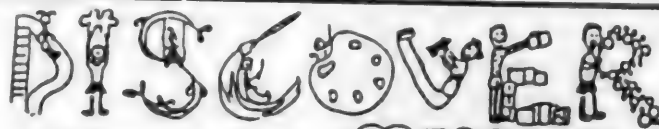
Youngsters will have more reason to smile if they start the day by brushing their teeth properly.

ensure that everything, from walking the dog to cleaning up breakfast dishes, gets done while teaching kids responsibility.

- Be realistic about how much time you need: A common mistake that leads to a frenzied family is not allowing enough time to get everything done. Try doing a test-run so you can identify ways to streamline the family routine. Keep a checklist by the door to make sure you don't have to double back for forgotten

homework assignments, class presentations or needed sports equipment.

- Stay healthy: When one family member becomes sick, it throws everyone off schedule. While you can't anticipate everything, reduce the chance of getting sick by making annual visits to the doctor and bi-annual visits to the dentist. In the meantime, adopt habits such as making healthy dinners, keeping nutritious snacks handy and providing vitamins for the whole family.

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Have you had your child's eyes examined? I don't mean the basic vision screening offered by the school. According to the staff at Andover Eye Care, your children should have a thorough eye exam annually, not only to check their vision, but to examine the health of their eyes.

One of the most commonly asked questions is "When should I have my child's eyes checked?" According to John McHale, O.D. of Andover Eye Care, "All children should have their eyes examined by an eye doctor at least by the time they enter school."

He also says the American Optometric Association recommends

children have their first regular eye exam at 6 months. Follow-up exams should occur at age 3, and then of course, again before starting school.

"The bottom line is that it is really never too early for an eye exam," he says. "Eye doctors can conduct an eye exam long before a child can read, or even talk for that matter. Most eye problems are easily treated once the problem is diagnosed."

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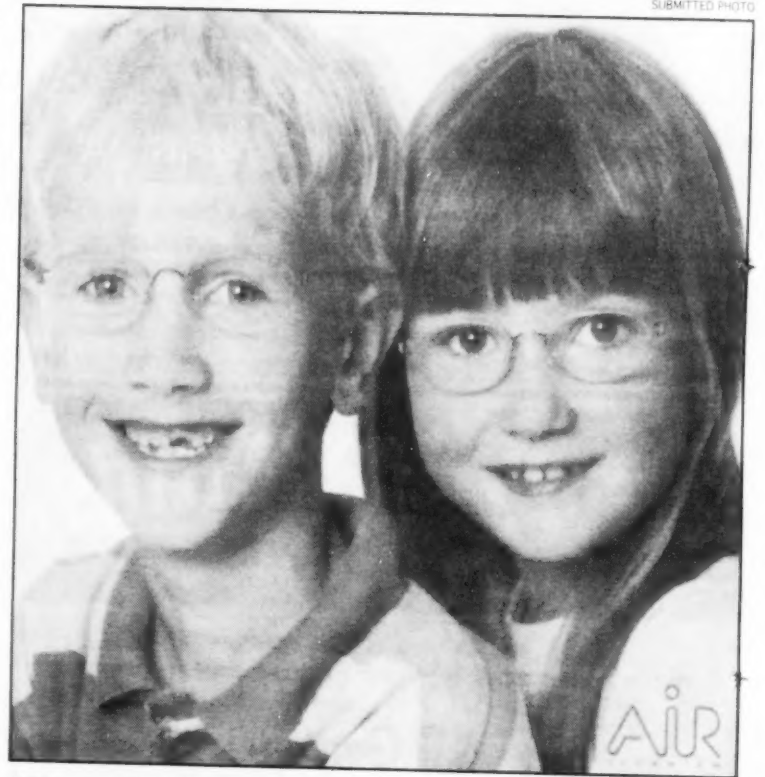
too." Children's brand names include Chesterfield, Polo, Flexon, Air Titanium Kids and much, much more.

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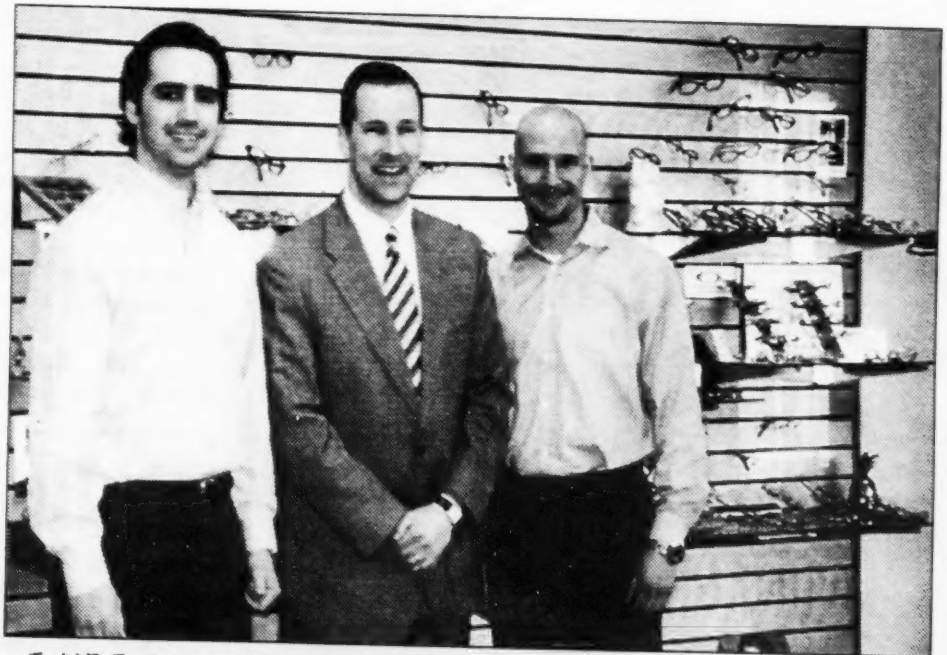
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America's tragedy and kids: what parents should say and look for

(NAPSA) – To help parents with the after-effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and all that followed, the national children's crisis charity Kids Peace has compiled some tips for talking to children about the tragedy.

- Listen to children. Allow them to express their concerns and fears.

- Regardless of age, the most important issue is to reassure children of safety and security. Tell children that you, their schools, their friends and their communities are all focused on their safety.

- When discussing the events with younger children, the amount of information shared should be limited to basic facts. Use words meaningful to them (not words such as terrorist, retribution, etc.). Share with them that some bad people have used violence to hurt innocent people in the United States. Discuss that we don't know exactly by whom or why this was done, but violence has occurred. Do not go into specific details.

- School-aged children will ask, "Can this happen here, or to me?" Do not lie to children. Tell them that it's unlikely that anything like

this will happen to them or in their community. Then, reiterate how safe and protected they are by all those around them.

- Parents, caregivers and teachers should be cautious of permitting young children to watch news or listen to radio that's discussing or showing carnage. It is too difficult for most of them to process. Personal discussions are the best way to share information with this group. Also, plan to discuss this many times over the coming weeks. Ongoing reassurance is critical to children.

- When discussing the events with preteens and teens, more detail is appropriate, and many will already have seen news broadcasts. Do not let them focus too much on graphic details. Rather, elicit their feelings and concerns and focus your discussions on what they share with you. Be careful of how much media they are exposed to. Talk directly with them about the tragedy and answer their questions truthfully. Although this group is more mature, do not forget to reassure them of their safety and your efforts to protect them. Regardless of age, kids must hear this message.

- Be aware of physical symptoms of anxiety that children may demonstrate. They may be a sign that a child, although not directly discussing the tragedy, is very troubled by the events. Talk more directly to children who exhibit these signs:

- Headaches;
- Stomach aches;
- Back aches;
- Trouble sleeping or eating;
- Nightmares;
- Withdrawal;
- Excessive worry;
- Increased arguing;
- Irritability;
- Loss of concentration;
- Refusal to go to school;

and

- Clinging behavior. Frequently reassure children that they are loved. Words expressing love combined with deeds demonstrating love (for example, walks in the park or attending a community sporting event) can provide the most comfort to children and teens. If you are concerned about your children or their reaction to this or any tragedy, talk directly with their school counselor or family doctor, or have your older children visit the Kids Peace teen-help Web site at www.teencentral.net.

Follow these tips for managing children's asthma

(NAPSA) – Asthma accounts for one of every six pediatric emergency room visits in the United States and results in many absences from school.

When parents have a plan to manage their child's condition, asthma attacks may result in fewer trips to the emergency room and fewer absences from school.

Asthma is a chronic lung condition characterized by the inflammation and narrowing of air passages. It can strike when airways are exposed to environmental triggers, such as cigarette smoke or sudden weather changes, respiratory infections including the common cold and allergies to pollen or animal dander.

Asthma's severity and unpredictability make it important for

parents to communicate regularly with their child's physician.

"Parents need to ask their physician for a written, individualized plan that is tailored to their child's lifestyle," says Dr. Peter J. Plantes, medical director of Laurus Health.

LaurusHealth.com offers the following tips for managing asthma.

- Avoid possible trigger factors, such as heavy perfumes or scented candles.

- Feed your child nutritious meals to help boost his or her ability to fight colds.

- Use an air purifier with a high-efficiency particulate arrestance filter to reduce allergens such as dust and mold in your home.

- Develop a current list of all

medications your child is taking, including dosage, proper administration and side effects.

- Educate other adults about your child's condition, particularly teachers and the school nurse. Share the action plan and have medications on hand for when you are not around.

- Document symptoms, weather conditions and medications given in an asthma diary. This will help your physician refine your child's plan.

"Ask your physician for tips on motivating your child to assume responsibility for treating his or her condition," says Dr. Plantes. "The more informed everyone involved in your child's life is, the easier it becomes to prevent severe attacks."

KIDS

Will this be your teen's first winter driving experience?

(NAPSA) - As parents, have you taught your teen-ager the dos and don'ts of safe winter driving? There are unwritten rules that come with the driving experience that teens lack.

"As a parent, I take great concern in making sure my children are aware of the dangers involved with winter driving conditions," says Richard Courtney, director of research & development and technical services/consumer relations for Prestone Products. "First and foremost, I have their vehicles checked thoroughly. Winter tends to magnify any problems a vehicle might have. Make sure your new driver checks their tire tread and windshield wipers, as well as washer fluid and antifreeze/coolant levels. The proper mixture of antifreeze/coolant is necessary to avoid engine freeze-ups in frigid temperatures."

It's also a good idea to switch to a winter wiper blade. They are more durable and designed to handle snow and ice better. If wipers aren't

working properly or if there is a lack of fluid in the reservoir, the combination of salt and ice may reduce your teen's ability to see other vehicles or objects on the road. Remind teens to turn on their headlights any time they need to use their windshield wipers. It will help improve their visibility and allow them to be seen better by other motorists, and in some states, it's the law.

Emphasize the importance of clearing off the entire car, not just a portion of the windshield. If the vehicle hasn't been properly cleared off, it not only creates hazardous situations for your child, but other motorists on the road as well. "We recommend using a washer fluid that doesn't freeze when temperatures plummet," suggests Mr. Courtney. The fluid may help remove light ice and frost.

Although these preventative maintenance tips do help, they by no means serve as a complete deterrent to potential problems. Prepare your teen for a roadside emergency

with a special winter kit that includes:

- A cell phone;
- A portable jump starter;
- A flashlight and extra batteries;
- Emergency flares;
- A tire inflator and sealer;
- Warm clothes and blankets;
- Extra de-icer washer fluid and a spray de-icer;
- Ice scraper with a snow brush;
- Tire traction product; and
- Shovel

Mr. Courtney says, "It is a good safety precaution to keep more than a half tank of gas in the vehicle during winter. It'll be the only source of heat if they are stranded. And, stress the importance of always wearing seat belts with your teen-age driver."

Parents should accompany their teen-ager on their first road trip and let them practice before venturing onto slick, snowy roads for the first time.

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To help inspire, challenge and boost the academic excellence of budding artists, following are a few creative ideas to transform everyday items into art.

Fun and easy ways to decorate include personalizing bedroom walls and doors with colorful paper and pictures or creating signs to hang around the house. For example, to create a sign for a door, kids need only to trace a message on a piece of construction paper, dab the message with glue and place elbow macaroni or candy, such as SweetTarts, along the letters. A colorful border can be made with glue and glitter.

Have groups of young artists create together. A wall mural can be an inexpensive and stimulating way for kids

to collaborate. Help young artists hang a large sheet of white paper on their wall. Encourage kids to draw colorful pictures and glue their favorite pictures from magazines on the mural. Have everyone involved autograph the mural as well. Leave the mural up to add color and flair to a room.

Decorating picture frames, hair clips and corkboards can be a fun way to add color to everyday objects and can encourage kids to consider fun and unique ways to spruce up personal belongings.

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